

Our Mission

The mission of Counseling and Guidance Services is to promote and enhance student success through leadership, guidance, counseling, advocacy, and collaboration with parents, teachers, administrators and community partners. Markers of student success include academic achievement, positive behavior, career/college readiness and resiliency.

Guiding Principles of Counseling and Guidance Services

- aligned with the district's goals and educational plan for student success
- based upon the American School Counseling Association's National Model and Standards - promote and support academic, career and personal/social development for all students
- reaches all students through prevention, classroom guidance, advisement, teacher consultation, counseling, parent collaboration and referral
- conducted in collaboration with all stakeholders
- uses data to drive program decisions and monitor student success
- seeks improvement each year based on results data
- shares successes with stakeholders

Counselor Certification

School counselors are certified by the Oklahoma State Department of Education. The school counselor has a master's degree in school counseling or a master's degree in counseling with specialized coursework in human growth and development, personal and career counseling and a supervised internship.

School Counseling Services

There are certified, professional school counselors in the elementary, middle, and high school in Fairland Public Schools. School counselors are critical partners in the delivery of a high quality education for all students and contribute significantly to the removal of barriers to learning. School counselors work in partnership with school staff to teach students skills that are necessary for academic success and to promote positive academic, personal, interpersonal, health, and career development for all students.

School Counseling Services at All Levels

- Provide comprehensive counseling and guidance services to all students.
- Communicate and consult with students, staff, parents, and community members about services available through school counseling.
- Provide information to students and families about academic programs and opportunities.
- Inform families about community resources.
- Work with students and families to support students in their transition from one school level to another.
- Understand and support the unique needs of the diverse school population.

- Provide services to address problems that affect student success in the school setting.
- Support the school when there is a crisis in the school community.

School Counseling Services at the Elementary School Level

The elementary school counselor provides comprehensive counseling and guidance services that address the particular needs of students enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grades. The elementary school counselor has specific knowledge of the developmental needs of children within this age group. They meet regularly with all students through school wide programs and classroom guidance lessons. The school counselor also provides individual and group counseling for students when academic or behavior needs arise. The school counselor helps students develop knowledge and skills appropriate to their age and grade in the areas of academic success, personal growth, career awareness, and interpersonal relationships such as making and keeping friends, how to handle peer pressure and how to safely resolve conflicts. The school counselor also regularly consults with parents and teachers to discuss ways in which they can support students. The school counselor at the elementary school level is always available as a resource for parents to answer questions they may have about their child's development.

School Counseling Services at the Middle School Level

At the Middle School Level the counselor provides comprehensive counseling and guidance services that address the particular needs of students in 6th through 8th grade. At the Middle School Level the school counselor has specific knowledge of the developmental needs of children within this age group. He promotes and enhances the academic, personal, social, health and career development of all students and guide students and their families in making informed educational decisions. The middle school counselor focuses on helping students explore careers, enhancing self-esteem, building more mature communication and relationship skills, and developing positive work habits. At the middle school, the counselor supports students as they transition from elementary school to middle school and from middle school to high school.

School Counseling Services at the High School Level

The high school counselor helps guide and support students through academic and career planning. The school counselor monitors and supports student progress in coursework and graduation plans. The school counselor provides guidance and counseling to students to improve coping skills, decision-making, interpersonal relationships, personal responsibility, and other skills essential for being a productive citizen.

When Should a Parent Contact a School Counselor?

Parents who are concerned about their child's behavior, emotional adjustment, or peer relationships at school are encouraged to contact the school counselor.

School counselors can provide parents with information/advice related to the concern, coordinate any needed classroom accommodations with teachers and provide referral information if needed.

Parents who are concerned about their child's academic progress are encouraged to set up a meeting with their child's teacher(s). Parents may also ask the school counselor participate in the meeting. This may be especially important if the parent feels that their child has a non-academic problem or stressor that is contributing to problems in academic progress.