

Qualifications

A middle school counselor in Harford County Public Schools has at least a Master’s Degree in school counseling and is certified by the Maryland State Department of Education.

Student Services

School counselors, pupil personnel workers, school nurses, school social workers, and school psychologists are a team of persons, within the school system and the Division of Student Services. They are available to ensure opportunities for students to develop their full potential.

My counselor _____

School phone _____



Middle School Counseling Program



Harford County Public Schools
Office of School Counseling

Phone: 410-588-5245



Why Middle School Counselors?

Middle school years can be positive ones of self-discovery for children.

Together, professional middle school counselors, parents, teachers, administrators, and community members can help students focus on the journey of transition through a collaborative effort using a National Standards-based counseling program, patience, understanding, and above all, caring.

Counselor:

Classroom guidance

•

Small group counseling

•

Individual counseling

Collaborator:

Classroom visitation

•

Teacher/counselor planning

•

Conferences with teacher, parent, counselor and child

•

In-services for teachers

Consultant:

Referral to community resources and agencies

•

Parent conferences

•

Parent study groups/newsletters

•

PTA meetings

The middle school counselor functions within the educational framework and within the child's total environment to enable each student to learn to make choices that lead to responsible behavior.

The school counseling program provides middle school students with assistance in many areas.

Adjusting to a new school or a new grade level

•

Advising students concerning academic planning

•

Introducing college as a real option for all students

•

Exploring their individual interests and abilities as they relate to academic and career choices

•

Learning to make decisions

•

Developing pro-social skills needed to work cooperatively with others

•

Talking about educational, personal, or social concerns

•

Developing and practicing good character

•

Assisting them and their parents in the often tumultuous journey from childhood to adolescence

The School Counseling programs in Harford County Public School are based on the American School Counselor Association's (ASCA) National Standards.

These National Standards facilitate student development in three broad content areas:

Academic Development

Career Development

Personal/Social Development

The standards:

- Establish school counseling as an integral part of the academic mission of schools;
- Encourage equitable access to school counseling services for all students;
- Identify the key components of a developmental school counseling program;
- Identify the attitudes, knowledge and skills that all students should acquire as a result of the K – 12 school counseling program; and
- Ensure that school counseling programs are comprehensive in design and delivered in a systematic fashion for all students.