PARENT INVOLVEMENT: Help your student to be successful in school and in life…

- Make school important
- Encourage your student to do their best
- Attend open houses, back-to-school nights, parent-teacher conferences
- Attend school programs
- Read the school newsletter
- Get to know your student’s teachers and school counselor
- Contact your student’s school counselor with any questions or concerns about your student
- Support your student in school activities
- Encourage reading and writing
- Talk openly and frequently with your student
- Help your student develop career awareness
- Praise and encourage your student
- Celebrate your student’s successes

Parents

Contact your student’s school counselor if you have questions or concerns about:

- Your student’s academic progress
- Your student’s social, behavioral, and/or emotional adjustment
- Identifying or sharing your student’s needs
- Coordinating communication with your student’s teachers
- School and community resources available for your student’s

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Standards of Learning

The Virginia Board of Education, in January 2004, implemented state Standards of Learning for School Counseling Programs. These standards are consistent with Board of Education regulations and are comprised of three domains: academic, career, and personal/social.

? Academic Development

Students will develop an understanding of their educational needs and expectations of the educational environment related to their abilities, interests, talents, values and career goals.

? Career Development

Students will understand concepts of job and career, skills for success in the workplace (punctuality, initiative, teamwork, and getting along with others), decision making, goal setting, identifying interests and exploring careers.

? Personal/Social Development

Students will increase their knowledge of self, and learn appropriate modes of interaction and communication within school, home and community.

Elementary School Counselors assist students to learn the skills and attitudes necessary to be successful learners. They emphasize with students that the classroom is their first workplace and that communication, decision-making, interpersonal, and career awareness skills are important to their success.

The Elementary School Counseling Program is an integral part of the total educational process and the shared responsibility of the entire school community. The professional School Counselor collaborates with other school professionals in helping students learn. A successful program requires the support and participation of all school personnel, parents and guardians, outside agencies, and the community at large.

The mission of the School Counselor is to provide a comprehensive developmental school counseling program that assists all students in acquiring the skills, knowledge, and attitudes needed to become effective students, responsible citizens, productive workers, and lifelong learners.

Standards of Learning for School Counseling Programs, delivered through the following framework (adapted from the American School Counselor Association Model), provide a proactive, prevention-based program that encourages and promotes academic, career, and personal/social development in preparation for the challenges of the 21st century.

School Guidance Curriculum

School Counselors provide collaborative lessons within the classroom. Peer relationships, conflict resolution, identifying career interests, and career exploration, are discussed in this setting.

Individual Student Planning

Counselors work one-on-one to help all students plan, monitor, and manage their own learning, as well as meet competencies in areas of academic, career, and personal/social development.

Responsive Services

Counselors provide support to meet the immediate needs and concerns of individual students. Students are referred to appropriate community resources when needed.

System Support

School Counselors consult, collaborate, team, and partner to provide professional support for the entire school community.