

Middle School Counselors

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Overview

The Fairview Guidance Program provides many services for the students to assist them in achieving their maximum personal development, both as learners and as human beings. As guidance counselors, we act as student advocates and work closely with teachers, administrators, parents, and community members to provide opportunities for students to develop the skills necessary to lead productive, fulfilling lives. Some of the tasks that we as counselors perform include: providing individual and small group counseling facilitating conferences with students, teachers and parents encouraging the development of student's social skills referring students with special concerns to appropriate community resources in consultation with their parents working as a liaison between school and outside therapists and social workers Activities Group counseling: Students are given the opportunity to express and explore feelings associated with divorce and/or loss of a loved one in a divorce or grief group setting. Student Development Groups: Students are taught to recognize their strengths and abilities, develop good study habits, set realistic goals, and develop positive attitudes towards school, family, and self. Intervention Team: Our team of professionals take pride in helping the classroom teachers meet the individual needs of the students. The intervention team may provide assistance in working with identified students by implementing a behavior program, initiating referrals for testing, etc. The team may include, but are not limited to, the school psychologist, parent/legal guardian, classroom teacher, social worker, school nurse, counselor, speech clinician, and other ESE personnel. Meetings are held on Thursdays from 12:30-2:00.