



Billings Public Schools Elementary Counseling Services

Elementary school counseling services in Billings are an integral part of the total school program and complement learning in the classroom. Services are child-centered, preventative and developmental in nature. School counselors are certified or licensed professionals who possess a master's degree and are endorsed in school counseling. Each is uniquely qualified to address the developmental needs of all students. The program encourages students' social, emotional, and personal growth at various stages of their development. Elementary school counselors advocate and care for students and are important members of the educational team. They consult, collaborate and work closely with parents, teachers, school administrators and other professionals to provide the best possible resources and services to help maximize student potential.

Elementary school counselors serve the needs of all students and their jobs are as varied as the students they serve. Professional school counselors provide a wide range of services in the schools, based on individual student needs and interests, including but not limited to:

- Mental, emotional, social, and behavioral support services to students and families. Services will be delivered in either an individual or group format with parent or guardian notification given if services are ongoing.
- Academic, social/emotional, career guidance and support services
- Classroom guidance instruction for all students
- School crisis intervention and response services.
- Collaboration and coordination of more in depth services as needed through community agencies

Elementary school counselors help **ALL** children to get the most out of school. Get to know your school counselor. Your support and cooperation can help make your child's school years a rewarding experience!

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school and ask to speak with the counselor.