

The Mission of the School Counseling Program is to facilitate the personal and academic growth of all students. Counselors, as integral members of the educational team, support students in making positive life choices and becoming responsible and caring adults.

The Carroll County Public Schools Guidance Program includes three learner outcomes:

1. Facilitate the personal and academic growth of students
2. Encourage the development of educational and career decision making skills of students
3. Promote the development of interpersonal skills of students.

These outcomes are met through a variety of program components:

1. **Guidance Curriculum:** Provides developmental, comprehensive guidance program content in a systematic way. Classroom Guidance lessons are delivered every three weeks in each classroom.
2. **Responsive Services:** Addresses a student's immediate concerns. These needs are usually a result of life events or situations present in the student's life and require brief counseling, consultation with teachers, staff and parents and/or referrals to other resources. These services are usually delivered in individual meetings with the child or small group meetings.
3. **Individual Student Planning:** Assists students and parents in development of academic and career plans. These needs are usually addressed through individual meetings with the child or through small group meetings and also involve consultation with teachers, staff and parents.
4. **System Support:** Includes program, staff, and school support activities and services. Examples of system support include the implementation of PRIDE in all areas of the school building, character education, Safety Patrol, PRIDE assemblies and PAWS for Praise.