

**A CHILD/STUDENT  
MAY BE REFERRED TO  
THE ELEMENTARY  
COUNSELOR BY:**

*Parents*

*Teachers*

*Self-Referrals by  
Students*

*School Administrators*

*Community Agencies*

*Your School Counselor  
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*Learn About  
Your Elementary  
School  
Counselor*



*What do school  
counselors do?*

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## A Kansas School Counselor has earned.....

- A Counseling Certificate issued by the Kansas State Department of Education.
- At least three (3) years of teaching experience.
- A Master's Degree with emphasis in the following areas.
  - \* Guidance Principals
  - \* Counseling Procedures
  - \* Supervised Counseling Experience
  - \* Group Counseling Procedures
  - \* Testing & Educational Measurements
  - \* Standardized Testing Procedures
  - \* Organization & Administration of a Guidance Program that meets the Kansas Counseling Standards
  - \* Career Development & Educational.
  - \* Child Abuse & Neglect
  - \* Parent Education
  - \* Other Specialized Areas—
    - \* Play Therapy
    - \* Referral Resources

## What does an Elementary Counselor do?

- Counsels with children.
- Individual counseling is another way to help children through their journey of personal & academic growth.
- Small Group counseling offers opportunity for students with similar concerns an opportunity to learn to cope through effective steps and proven methods.
- Classroom Guidance provides proactive methods to help students succeed—the primary goal. Leader of classroom guidance lessons on topics such as:
- Study Skills, Test/ Prep, Academic Performance, Self-Esteem-Personal Growth, Career Awareness & Development for the World of Work, Team Building, Conflict Resolution & Bullying Prevention, Skills for Transition & more.
- Communicates with teachers, parents, other school staff members, and outside community agencies.
- Promotes a positive school climate.
- Individual & small group counseling.
- Organizing & administration of all Standardized Testing.



"Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future."

-John F. Kennedy

## WHY DOES AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR DO COUNSELING BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND IN GROUPS?

- To improve academic performance & educational opportunities for all students.
- To help children understand how they learn.
- To help children develop self-understanding & self-awareness.
- To help children set and attain goals.
- To help children build self-esteem.
- To help children recognize & make the best use of their capabilities.
- To support families in character education.
- To help children feel worthwhile.
- To give children an opportunity to talk about their educational & personal-social concerns.
- To help children recognize, understand, & work through learning difficulties.
- To help children better adjust to their environment.
- To help children develop an awareness of the world of work.
- To help children in the academic & decision-making process.
- To help children become Leaders & Team Players