

## BECAUSE OF A SCHOOL COUNSELOR...

- *Students learn social and personal skills that help them be successful both in and out of school.*
- *Students learn to manage their emotions, express feelings appropriately, and learn decision-making skills.*
- *Students feel safe and capable at school.*
- *Students learn study skills and good work habits.*
- *Students receive the support they need to discover their strengths and gifts.*
- *Students, families, and teachers receive supports to cope with a large variety of issues.*
- *Student barriers to learning are addressed through a variety of learning supports.*

## What Is An Elementary School Counselor?

- ❖ *A professional school counselor holds a master's degree and required state certification in school counseling. Maintaining certification includes on-going professional development to stay current with school counseling and the challenges facing today's students.*
- ❖ *A professional who adheres to the American School Counseling Association (ASCA) Code of Ethics.*
- ❖ *A liaison with district and community agencies.*
- ❖ *A person who acts as a support to students, Families, and staff.*

## Your CES Counselor:



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## CHICKASAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



*Chickasaw City School System*

## MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a comprehensive, developmental, and preventative school counseling program that addresses the academic, career, personal, and social development of every student.



- All students have the right to be treated with dignity and respect.
- Counseling services are available to all students.
- Counseling programs promote the development of skilled, independent, and healthy lifelong learners.
- All students, regardless of gender, ethnicity, culture, race, socioeconomic status, or special needs, have a right to an emotionally and physically safe learning environment.

## Counseling Services:

The goal of the counselor is to take a preventative, instructional approach to providing counseling and guidance lessons and activities for all students.

The elementary counselor provides whole group guidance lessons for every class once a week for all students.

The counselor assists with academic supports, collaborating with teachers to provide appropriate learning and behavioral supports for students.

The counselor provides intentional guidance for students in large groups, small groups, and/or individual settings.



The counselor is responsive in crisis situations; consults and collaborates with families, administrators, school staff, community agencies, and other resources to support students.

The counselor monitors data to facilitate student success; participates in leadership teams to provide support and strategies to close the achievement gap.

## What Is The ASCA National Model?

The ASCA National Model brings school counselors together with one vision and one voice, which creates unity and focus toward improving student achievement.

The ASCA National Model ensures equitable access to education for all students, identifies the knowledge and skills of students, is based on data-driven decision making, is provided by a state-credentialed school counselor and is delivered to all students in a systematic fashion.

School counselors work collaboratively with parents, administration and other educators to create an environment that promotes student achievement.

\*ASCA National Model: Executive Summary (2016)



### Statement of Confidentiality:

Anything you say in the counselor's office stays there unless there is direct threat of harm to you

by someone else or if you have plans to harm yourself or anyone else.