

## ***Philosophy Statement***

### **The Counselor at Cochiti Elementary School believes:**

- All students have dignity and worth
- All students can achieve academic success
- All students have the right to participate in the school counseling program
- All students' ethnic, cultural, racial, sexual differences and special needs are considered in planning and implementing the school counseling program
- All students shall have access to a part-time, state-certified, Professional School Counselor
- Comprehensive Counseling is a program rather than a service, and provides a vital link to the total instructional system in the school

### **And that the Cochiti Elementary School's comprehensive school counseling program should:**

- Be based on specified goals and developmental competencies for all students
- Include teacher, parent and community involvement
- Utilize the combined resources of the community
- Use data to drive program development and evaluation
- Be an integral part of the educational program
- Serve all students at the prevention level
- Help reduce barriers to learning
- Be aligned with the American School Counseling Association (ASCA) National Model and ASCA Ethical guidelines.

### **And that the Counselor at Cochiti Elementary School should:**

- Abide by the professional school counseling ethics as advocated by the ASCA
- Participate in professional development activities essential to maintain a quality school counseling program