### School Counseling Services

#### \*Individual Counseling

ndividual counseling is offered for a variety of student concerns that may be affecting their ability to thrive in the school environment.

Students who need ongoing services will be referred out to a therapist of the families choice.

#### \*Small Group Counseling

Small groups give students the opportunity to build relationships while learning new skills in a apportive environment. Topics vary and are determined by current student needs.

#### \*Classroom Guidance

The classroom lessons include important developmental and state- mandated topics. The counselor provides a comprehensive prevention urriculum to empower all students to be emotionally, socially, and academically successful.

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## WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR?

A Counselor is someone who...

- Talks with students when something is troubling them.
- Visits the classroom to help students learn about themselves and others.
- Works with small groups to help students build important life skills.
- Talks with parents and teachers to help students do their best in school.

# I CAN SEE THE COUNSELOR WHEN

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- NEED SOMEONE
   TO TALK TO
- HAVE TROUBLE
   WITH MY
   SCHOOLWORK
- HAVE SOMETHING ON MY MIND THAT I NEED TO SHARE
- HAVE TROUBLE GETTING ALONG WITH OTHERS

## How do I see the counselor?

- You can tell your teacher you need to talk with the counselor.
- You can tell the counselor you need to talk.
  - Your teacher can ask the counselor to see you.
  - Your parents can ask the counselor to see you.