

School Counseling Referral Pathway

Maricopa Unified School District

Step 1: Student Identified. Parent/Guardian or MUSD Staff observes a concern with a student. A student may also observe a concern in another student or may self-identify as needing some support.

Step 2: Referral to School Counselor. A referral form is filled out by the parent/guardian, staff member, or student, and is submitted to the School Counselor at the respective school.

Step 3: Screen to Assess Needs. The school counselor meets with the student to determine urgency of the referral and level of services needed.

Step 4: Consent. If there is a need for ongoing mental health support, the school counselor will notify parents of concerns and receive parental consent before providing services.

Step 5: Access to Services. Students receive school based counseling services and/or a referral is sent to a partnering mental health agency within the community.