Family Resources

The counseling department is here to support families at any time you may have an an academic, social-emotional or personal concern about your student(s), including:

- Parent-teacher support
- Referrals for outside counseling
- Community Referrals







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Mr. Douglas Fletcher <i>Principal</i>
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Counseling Department:
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School Counseling Program

DES School counselors provide a school-wide comprehensive counseling program for everyone. As school counselors we offer a safe, nurturing environment to foster trusting relationships with students while supporting the staff and families in our school community.



<u>Counselors in Action events and</u> <u>activities:</u>

- * Grandparent's Day Social
- * Red Ribbon Week
- * Kindness Week
- * Veteran's Day
- * Coffee with the Counselors
- * Career Day & Truck Day
- * Multi-cultural Events



How to make a referral to the counselors:

Students can see the counselors in any of the following ways:

- ◊ Self-referral
- o Parent referral
- Administrative referral
- o Teacher/Staff referral

Services provided:

- o Core-Curriculum Lessons
- Individual Counseling/Mini-Meetings
- Small Group Counseling
- o Crisis Intervention
- Outside Referrals

Counseling Focus-Topics

(Including but not limited to):

- ◊ Friendship
- Peer Conflict Resolution
- Growth and Development/Personal Safety
- Emotion Regulation/Management
- ◊ Self-Esteem
- Study Skills
- ◊ Goal setting
- Middle school transition



Communication from School Counselors

Communication between school and home is critical for your child's success. We make every effort to communicate important information in a timely manner. Our school website is continually updated with school news and important dates. Please bookmark the site and make it a regular place to visit.

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School Website: https://schoolwires.henry.k12.ga.us/ domain/2259

Parent Portal: To receive communication from Dutchtown Elementary School via email about school news, please set up parent portal. If you need assistance with setting up parent portal please contact the front office at (770) 471-0844.

As always, our counselors are available to support our students and families. We are happy to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have. Please give us a call at (770) 471-0844