

Guidance Staff

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Current Services:

6th Grade Individual Meetings
6th Grade Transition Classroom Presentations
7th grade Individual Meetings
7th grade Career/Budget Class Presentations
8th grade exit survey
8th grade Individual Scheduling Meetings
8th to 9th Grade Transition Presentation
8th grade Naviance Classroom Presentation
Academic Intervention Meetings:

- Assistant Principal / Parent Meeting
- Group Intervention
- Individual Student
- Parent Contact

Attendance (meetings/calls)
College T-Shirt Days
Group Counseling
Individual Counseling Sessions
Interview Attire Day
College/Career Awareness Week
Mock Interview Program
New Entrant Meetings
Outside agency referrals (EAP)
Parent-Teacher Conferences
Reflection Room Support
SafeTalk Community Programming
Scheduling and Placements
Social Emotional Learning Push-ins
Student Portal Account Management.
Student Support Team/CSE/RTI Meetings

Bellport Middle School - Guidance Department

The Mission is Possible:
Achievement, Attendance, and Attitude.



What is a School Counselor?

- A School Counselor is an educator certified by the New York State Department of Education. All Counselors have at least a Master's Degree
- They are certified to work with students grades K to 12
- School Counselors work with school administrators to advocate for students to help them succeed
- Counselors help students with their academic goals, social and emotional development related to school as well as college and career goals

Contact Us

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Website:

https://www.southcountry.org/schools/bms_counseling_departments

Students:

- Your counselor can reset your Student Portal account and Naviance account

Parents:

- If interested in having your own Parent Naviance Account, please contact your child's counselor

Students can make an individual appointment to meet with their counselor at any time! Just have them visit the Guidance Department to make an appointment

Academic Assistance:

- School Counselors help support the success of all students
- School Counselors contribute in improving student attendance
- Help identify students who may need academic intervention services
- Work with teachers to support students
- Act as a liaison between family members, administrators and teachers
- Participate in Parent Teacher Conferences
- Counselors work with students directly to help select courses for the next school year that match their academic and career goals
- Counselors provide classroom instruction to students about information such as study skills, organization and goal setting
- Counselors hold Academic Intervention meetings quarterly with students who are struggling academically
- Participate in Student Support Team, RTI and CSE/504 Meetings

The counseling website contains extensive information including information regarding the entire Student Support Staff, Guidance Newsletters, information on social media safety and helpful information to both students and parents

Social Development:

- Counselors promote successful student transition from grade level to grade level
- 1-on-1 Individual Student Meetings with all students in their caseloads
- Facilitate access to community resources
- Encourage positive motivation
- Meet with students for educationally related support service counseling
- Meet with students who have been referred to Teen Intervene
- Crisis Intervention
- Group Counseling in conjunction with BMS Support Staff. Current groups run:
 - Why Try
 - Coping Cats
 - Children In Change
 - Lunch Bunch

College and Career Development:

- Counselors help introduce the skills necessary for student success in school, community and the world of work
- Help students recognize the connection between educational goals and career goals
- Counselors help students explore post-secondary options including college and career choices and the military
- Assist students using Naviance to research college and career options. All 8th grade students are met with to introduce the program for college and career research as well as conduct an interest inventory
- Career Week is held each year. Topics include: Mock Interviews, Career Exploration Activities, College T-Shirt Days
- 7th grade classroom Budgeting and Career Presentations