

Comprehensive Counseling Plan Working Session

The goal of the Pottsgrove School District Counseling program, which is in accordance with the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Standards, is to promote and enhance student development in the areas of **academics, career, personal/social skills**. Educators, families, community agencies, and post secondary institutions will assist the school counseling program in the promotion of, and advocacy for, equity and access to learning for all students.

Grades Kindergarten through 2nd Grade - Career Focus

- **Overview of Junior Achievement-Work Readiness, Entrepreneurship, Financial Literacy**
- **K-2 Lesson Topics (K-Ourselfs, 1st-Our Families, 2nd-Our Community)**
- **Provides programs and resources for individuals ages 5-25.**
- **Lesson Activities/Descriptions**
- **Additional Career Activities**

Grades 3 - 5 - Career Focus

Naviance Career Program for 3-5

- [Naviance for Elementary](#)
 - Adapted version of Naviance for 6-8 and 9-12
 - Helps collect pieces of evidence to meet chapter 339 goals
 - 6 pieces by 5th grade
 - There are pre-loaded lessons. Counselors can add to the lessons or customize their own.
 - Students can “climb the ladder”
 - Lets them explore various careers
 - Offers videos and provides the option of reading to students
 - Deliver through classroom guidance lessons and/or computer class/other stakeholders
 - Building upon evidence collected from grades K-2

★ Career Fair Spring 2024

Middle School - Career Focus

We use Naviance to teach Careers to our students.

6th Grade- Strength Explorer. Students answer questions to determine their top 3 strengths.

We discuss how strengths help you now and in the future in jobs. We do the same with skills.

7th Grade- Career Key Explorer. Students answer questions about Holland Themes. We discuss these 6 themes and from there, students explore related careers.

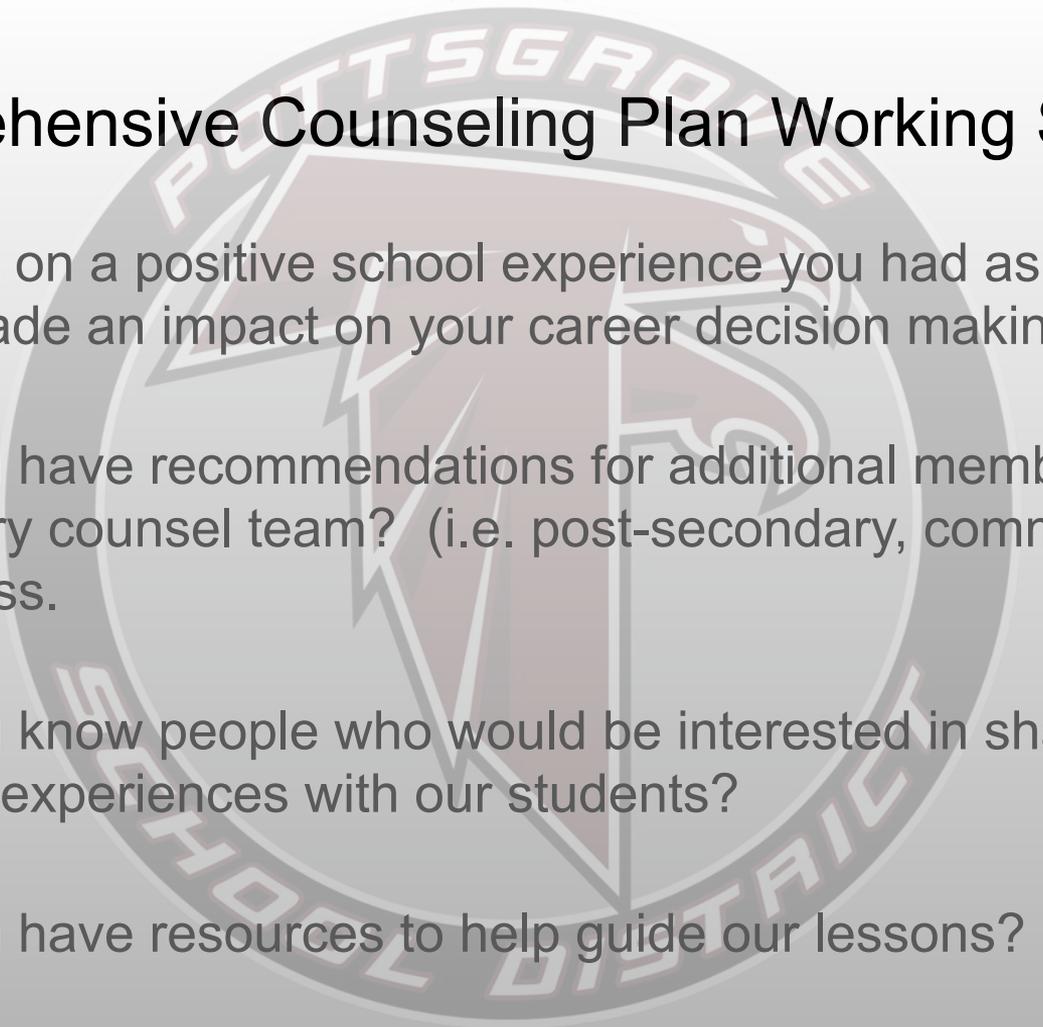
8th Grade- Career Cluster Finder. An assessment that helps students discover which career cluster may be a good match based on activities that interest them, personal qualities the student has and subjects the student enjoys in school

*All 8th grade students have the opportunity to visit the Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center
- This year tours will be held December 4th & 5th

High School - Career Focus

- Grade Level Class Presentations
- Individual Career Counseling
- Over 130 participants attended our College Planning Night and Financial Aid Information Session
- Over 80 representatives from colleges, trade schools and military have visited our school this fall
- Internship participation doubled from the 2022-2023 school year to 2023-2024
- Business class students attending LaSalle University's Aspiring Business Leaders Conference
- Personal Western Center visits. Applications now open!
- Continuing to increase the value of hands on experience through our Internship and Service Learning program
- Students receive important information via Naviance, Emails, Schoology, Daily Announcements and Remind

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Reflect on a positive school experience you had as a student that made an impact on your career decision making.

Do you have recommendations for additional members of our advisory counsel team? (i.e. post-secondary, community or business).

Do you know people who would be interested in sharing their career experiences with our students?

Do you have resources to help guide our lessons?

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