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Welcome Everyone to the 2026-27 School Year! This is my first newsletter of the year, and I will be posting one each quarter. This is my ninth year in Elbert County and my 25 year as a school guidance counselor. This year we are using Social-emotional Learning curriculum – Character Strong.

Character Strong has three main goals for students: Be Kind, Be Strong, and Be Well. Social skills like listening, friendship, solving conflicts, and leadership. Skills that help students focus, stay organized, and set goals. Skills that help students handle their emotions and deal with stress. All of Character Strong's curriculum is grounded in scientific research. We start with a research-backed logic model that translates evidence into core content and instructional components that lead to specific outcomes. We work with educators and students when translating this research to ensure relevance that matches the realities of those who implement the curriculum and those who ultimately are intended to benefit from it.
~ Character Strong

I am looking forward to working with your student through classroom guidance, small group, and individual counseling as needed, however I am not able to offer any kind of therapy. I also work with attendance; please remember you can use our email to send in your child's excuses!
attend.ecps@elbert.k12.ga Please give me a call if you have any concerns or questions!



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Classroom Guidance Lessons

August - Kindness

September - Respect

October - Responsibility

Group Lessons

Fall - Anger Management & Grief