

Gahanna West School Counseling Team

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Middle school counselors enhance the learning process and promote academic, career and social/emotional development.

School counseling programs are essential for students to achieve optimal personal growth, acquire positive social skills and values, set informed career goals and realize full academic potential to become productive, contributing members of the world community.

Middle school students are characterized by rapid physical growth, curiosity about their world and an emerging self-identity. Middle school counselors have an impact on these years by implementing a school counseling program and collaborating with school staff, parents and the community to create a safe, respectful learning environment whereby young adolescents can maximize personal and academic achievement.

► **Help all students:**

- apply academic achievement strategies
- manage emotions and apply interpersonal skills
- plan for postsecondary options (higher education, military, work force)



SCHOOL COUNSELOR QUALIFICATIONS

► **Hold, at minimum, a master's degree in school counseling**

► **Meet the state certification/licensure standards**

► **Fulfill continuing education requirements**

► **Uphold ASCA ethical and professional standards**



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