

Menlo School Counseling Plan



2026-2027



Mission, Vision, and Beliefs

Mission Statement

The mission of the Chattooga County School's comprehensive counseling program is to enhance educational performance by providing all students access to a comprehensive school counseling program that advocates for the academic, career, and social/emotional mindset necessary to become lifelong learners who are college and career ready. The mission of the professional school counselor will be supported and strengthened by collaboration with teachers, staff, administration, parents, and community advocates.

Vision Statement

The vision of the Chattooga County Schools' comprehensive school counseling program is to help students to exceed expectations in academic achievement and develop positive life skills allowing them to become world-class leaders and collaborators who will make a positive difference in society.

School Counselor Beliefs

- All students can achieve a high level of personal success and have dignity and worth.
- All students should have access to a professional school counselor as well as a comprehensive school counseling program.
 - The school counseling program will focus on primary prevention and counselors will advocate for all students.
- Professional school counselors will use data analysis to inform counseling program development and will actively monitor student results.
- All professional school counselors will abide by the ethical guidelines of the American School Counselors Association and the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.
 - All students' ethnic, cultural, and racial differences are accepted in the design and delivery of school counseling services.

Counselor's Annual Calendar

Curriculum

Individual Planning

Responsive Services

System Support

August

Classroom Lessons:

- **Pre-K - 8th Grade** - Meet the Counselor

- Parent/teacher meetings

- Individual Counseling
- Crisis Counseling

- Student Support
- Parent Education
- Referrals (counseling/other supports)
- School Leadership Team
- School Counseling Advisory Meeting
- PTO/Open House
- Assist with Attendance Team
- Assist with MTSS
- ROAR Kids
- Counselor's Meeting
- Helping Hands
- TKES

September

Classroom Lessons:

- **Pre-K-2nd Grade:** Feelings and Emotions
- **3rd-5th Grade:** Bullying prevention
- **6th-8th Grade:** Bullying prevention

- Parent/Teacher Meetings

- Individual Counseling
- Crisis Counseling
- Group Counseling

- Student Support
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YouScience lessons (6th-8th grade)
Shannon Bond Lessons (K-8th grade)

October

Classroom Lessons:

- **Pre-K-2nd Grade:** Self Management
- **3rd-5th Grade:** Feelings and Emotions
- **6th-8th Grade:** Vaping Prevention, suicide prevention, and human trafficking prevention

- Parent/teacher meetings

- Individual Counseling
- Crisis Counseling
- Group Counseling

- Student Support
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Red Ribbon Week

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November

Classroom Lessons:

- **Pre-K - 2nd:** Growth Mindset
- **3rd-5th:** Perseverance
- **6th-8th:** Social Media Safety (Parent protech)

- Parent/teacher meetings

- Individual Counseling
- Crisis Counseling
- Group Counseling

- Student Support
- Parent Education
- Referrals (counseling/other supports)
- School Leadership Team
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- Health Survey - 3rd-8th grades

December

Classroom Lessons:

- **Pre-K-2nd Grade:** Relationships
- **3rd-5th Grade:** Empathy
- **6th-8th Grade:** SMART Goals

- Parent/Teacher Meetings

- Individual Counseling
- Crisis Counseling
- Group Counseling

- Student Support
- Parent Education
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January

Classroom Lessons:

- **Pre-Kd-2nd Grade:** Social Awareness
- **3rd-5th Grade:** Goal Setting
- **6th-8th Grade:** Leadership Skills

- Parent/teacher meetings
- Rising Freshman Night
- Rising Freshman Advisement

- Individual Counseling
- Crisis Counseling
- Group Counseling

- Student Support
- Parent Education
- Referrals (counseling/other supports)
- School Leadership Team
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February

Classroom Lessons:

- **Pre-K-2nd:** Kindness
- **3rd-5th:** Kindness
- **6th-8th:** Mental health

- Parent/teacher meetings

- Individual Counseling
- Crisis Counseling
- Group Counseling

- Student Support
- Parent Education
- Referrals (counseling/other supports)
- School Leadership Team
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March

Classroom Lessons:

- **Pre-K-2nd Grade:** Respect
- **3rd-5th Grade:** Self-Regulation
- **6th-8th Grade:** Cognitive Distortions/Positive Self Talk

- Parent/Teacher Meetings

- Individual Counseling
- Crisis Counseling
- Group Counseling

- Student Support
- Parent Education
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April

Classroom Lessons:

- **Pre-Kd-2nd Grade:** Responsibility
- **3rd-5th Grade:** Coping Skills
- **6th-8th Grade:** Stress managment skills

- Parent/teacher meetings

- Individual Counseling
- Crisis Counseling
- Group Counseling

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Classroom Lessons: • Pre-K-2nd: End of year wrap up • 3rd-5th: End of year wrap up • 6th-8th: End of year wrap up	• Parent/teacher meetings	• Individual Counseling • Crisis Counseling • Group Counseling	• Student Support • Parent Education • Referrals (counseling/other supports) • School Leadership Team • School Counseling Advisory Meeting • PTO/Open House • Assist with Attendance Team • Assist with MTSS • ROAR Kids • Counselor's Meeting • Helping Hands
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MES is meeting the HB 268 1 hour minimum of staff education on suicide awareness and prevention through the Vector training modules that were completed by August 2026.

MES is meeting the 1 hour minimum of youth violence prevention to students through the free resources on Parent Protech.