How and Why do Parents Contact the School Counselor?

- Concerns over student achievement
- Family health problems
- New school orientation
- Discussing special needs of their child
- Early discussion of potential crises
- Family difficulties or concerns that affect school performance
- Social and/or emotional concerns about their student

Parents/guardians can call Ms. Irick at any time for a phone conference or to set up a school visit.

How Does a Student See a Counselor?

- Self-referral
- Request of a counselor
- Parent referral
- Administrative, teacher, or other staff referral
- Referral by friend(s)

Please use the PRES school counselor as a resource for your student and family!

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School Counselors help children by . . .

- Promoting positive attitudes among students toward self, family, peers and community.
- Assisting students in learning how school performance relates to future opportunities.
- Developing and delivering classroom guidance lessons that teach skills, such as healthy decision making, resolving conflicts, and respecting others.
- Working collaboratively with students, parents, and teachers to identify and remove barriers to learning.
- Supporting students by teaching skills for achieving success.
- Counseling with students individually and in groups.
- Providing support during personal crisis.
- Orienting new students.

School Counselors Can Help in Many Situations

Counselors are the heart of the school by . . .

- Helping create a safe school environment where children can learn.
- Working with students on attendance issues.
- Coordinating referrals to outside agencies.
- Helping design interventions to enhance student success.
- Developing community partnerships to enhance student career awareness.
- Helping teachers create a positive learning environment.
- Helping students learn anger management, conflict resolution, stress management, and mediation skills, among others.
- Helping parents, teachers, and administrators in learning how to meet the needs of all students.

- "My parents are getting a divorce. I don’t know what’s going to happen."
- "I’m new here, and I’m having trouble making friends."
- "Fred scores high on standardized tests but hardly makes passing grades in school."
- "Karen always tells me she doesn’t have homework, but I found out she isn’t doing it."
- "I need some ideas for helping students to get along with each other."
- "Bill hasn’t been himself lately. He seems to be preoccupied with something."
- "I have a bad temper and need to learn how to control it."
- "Mary has been absent from school an awful lot this year."
- "My dad gets so angry when he’s been drinking."