

## 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)

**KIDS DON'T CARE HOW MUCH  
YOU KNOW UNTIL THEY KNOW  
HOW MUCH YOU CARE!**

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

**\*\*\*CONFIDENTIALITY is strictly upheld.\*\*\***

**Ms. Kidada Irick**

1214 Paris Ave.

Port Royal, S.C. 29935

843.322.0820

843.322.0841 (fax)

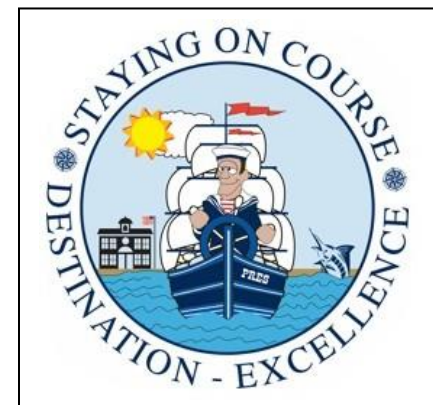
Kidada.irick@beaufort.k12.sc.us

[http://pres.beaufortschools.net/about\\_us/school\\_counselor/welcome/](http://pres.beaufortschools.net/about_us/school_counselor/welcome/)

*Introducing Your*

# SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Ms. Kidada Irick



**Port Royal  
Elementary  
School**

## 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.
- Helping students to recognize and make the best of their abilities.
- Counseling with students individually and in groups.
- Providing support during personal crisis.
- Orienting new students.



## 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.



## School Counselors Can Help in Many Situations

“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.”