

School Counselors Work with Students and Support Them in the Educational Environment.

Counselors may offer intervention or prevention services in the areas such as:

Making Friends
Conflict Resolution
Loss and Grief
Stress
Study Skills
Anxiety
Test-Taking Skills
Underachievement
Career Awareness



What are the Minimum Qualifications for a Virginia School Counselor:

- Master's Degree
- State Certification
(Many school counselors have additional specialization.)



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Loudoun County Public Schools Counselors



Helping
Students
Succeed in
School

How Counselors Help Students

Each school of Loudoun County Public Schools has a school counseling program. Certified counselors are responsible for the organization and management of counseling services in the school.

Counselors work with students, parents, teachers, and administrators to help students succeed in school and prepare for meaningful, productive living. Counseling services are child-centered, developmental, and preventive, and encourage students' academic, social/emotional, and career awareness at each stage of their development.

Counseling services are inclusive and respectful of student and staff differences in gender, religion, ethnicity, race, ability, handicapping condition, and age.

How Is a Student Referred to The School Counselor

- Self-referral
- Teacher, administrator or staff referral
- Parent referral
- Counselor observation

School Counselor Responsibilities

- Counsels with students individually and/or in groups
- Responds to student needs in crisis situations
- Orients students to new school settings
- Works with at-risk students
- Participates actively in the referral process of students to special programs and/or services
- Participates actively in the referral process of students and/or parents to services and agencies outside the school
- Conducts conferences with parents/guardians
- Consults with parents and staff members
- Adheres to ethical and legal standards

Counseling Program Objectives

The Loudoun County guidance and counseling program provides the students education in

- becoming self-directive and responsible for their behavior in relation to academic achievement;
- developing positive feelings toward their school environment;
- fostering and supporting responsible behavior and safety;
- understanding the relationship between personal qualities, education, and the world of work;
- developing problem solving, decision making and coping skills;
- Understanding and respecting themselves and others;
- maintaining effective relationships with peers and adults;

