



— Our Team —

Rudolph Gordon School Counselors

Our team of dedicated school counselors is here to support every student's emotional, academic, and social growth. Each counselor brings unique skills and experience to ensure students have the resources they need to thrive.

ERIN CLARKE - Back Right

Erin serves as both the counseling department chair and the 7th-grade counselor. She holds a Psychology degree from Clemson University, a Master's degree in Professional School Counseling from Liberty University, and a Doctoral degree in Professional Leadership from Converse University. Erin has 16 years of experience. She is deeply committed to the well-being and success of every student, always prioritizing their needs above all else.

SARAH COFFEY - Back Left

Sarah is the 5th-grade school counselor at Rudolph Gordon School. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of South Carolina Honors College and a Master of Education in School Counseling from Clemson University. Sarah has worked as a counselor in Lexington District 1 and Greenville County Schools. She is also a Virtual Facilitator for middle school students. Sarah's approach to school counseling is centered around empowering students to overcome obstacles. She is a light for students in dark places.

JOY HAWKINS - Middle Left

Joy is the 8th-grade school counselor at Rudolph Gordon School. With 30 years of experience in Greenville County, Joy is a proud graduate of Winthrop University and Clemson University. In her roles as Gator Wellness Team Lead, and GCS Character and Resilience Education team member, Joy is passionate about ensuring students are prepared for life academically, emotionally, and socially. Joy possesses a proactive and determined approach, constantly seeking innovative ways to support and empower teachers and students.

JOHN MCNAMARA - Back Middle

John is starting his first official year as a full-time school counselor at Rudolph Gordon School. He serves students in K5 and 4th grade. He earned his School Counseling Degree from Liberty University. John brings fresh ideas, innovative practices, and a high level of enthusiasm to the team.

CARLIE PEDEN - Front Right

Carlie is in her 7th year at Rudolph Gordon. She serves students in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade. A product of the Greenville County School System, Carlie graduated from Clemson University in 2014 with a Bachelor's in Recreational Therapy and earned her Master's of Education in School Counseling from Liberty University. Her approach is characterized by empathy, patience, and an unwavering belief in each student's potential.

CARRIE PULLEY - Front Left

Carrie has 18 years of experience in Greenville County Schools and 13 years at Rudolph Gordon. Carrie brings a wealth of knowledge to the team. She worked in mental health for 7 years prior to becoming a counselor and holds a Masters in School Counseling from Clemson University. Carrie's background allows her to provide insightful support, navigate complex situations, and approach situations with a balanced, thoughtful, and strategic mindset.