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**Counseling Personal Statement**

I believe all students need and deserve a solid educational foundation as well as a dependable support system within the school to grow into responsible, successful adults.

As a school counselor I use the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Model to ensure I am creating a holistic program that reaches all students' academic, career, and social/emotional needs. I also work to empower all students to challenge themselves to meet their fullest potential and maximize their success.

It is of great importance to me to involve parents, families, staff, students, and community members in the school counseling program so that we, as an educational community, can work together to engage all students in the learning process. I provide resources in my office, online, and via emails. I also provide assessments of the programs run to ensure the school counseling program is successful in meeting the needs of the school community.

I am committed to upholding the highest ethical and legal standards, as well as participating in professional development to keep up-to-date with the best practices in the field of school counseling. I hold myself, as well as my students, to high standards of learning. I have committed myself to having a life of continued learning.

My commitment to the educational system is also evident in my past and current vocational experiences. I am currently a middle school counselor. In graduate school I worked with students in elementary, middle, high school and postsecondary through my internship and graduate assistantship. My work through my assistantship gave me extensive experience working with students who are underrepresented or come from diverse backgrounds. Prior to joining the school counseling field, I had 18 years of experience as a social worker