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What is a Professional School Counselor?
Professional School Counselors help students manage emotions, apply interpersonal skills, and plan for postsecondary education. School counselors work to create a future where all students thrive (ASCA, 2023).

My Philosophy
I am here to listen, help, and make sure students are safe. All students should have access to me. Key focuses will be self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, responsible decision-making. I want students to realize that they have a voice and their voices are valuable and powerful.

Classroom Counseling Lessons: The purpose is to provide content in a systematic way to students through awareness, skill development and application of skills needed in everyday life. Lessons are conducted approximately once a month.

Responsive Services:

- ***Restorative Sessions*** are guided conversations that help students reflect on their actions, understand how others were affected, and make a plan to repair harm. The goal is to build responsibility, strengthen relationships, and teach positive problem-solving skills so students can move forward successfully.
- ***Individual counseling*** *t*o address needs and concerns that may arise. Students will be added to my list and I will get with them based on the level of need. **Individual counseling** is for students who need **short-term** counseling primarily when their emotions are interfering with their school performance.
    - Staff, students, and parents have the ability to refer students for counseling.

System Support: *T*his includes program and staff support activities and services based on campus needs. I serve as the GT coordinator, 504 Coordinator, At-Risk Coordinator, Student Council Advisor, and other roles as established by the Leadership Team. I will collaborate on ways to support our community and stakeholders.