



## **The Academy of Alameda**

### **School Counseling Program**

At the Academy of Alameda, we offer a growing, comprehensive School Counseling program. Our Counseling team consists of a variety of Professionals within the School Counseling, Mental Health, and Educational Psychology fields.

AoA's Counseling Team includes:

**\*Edditha Maaba, MA, PPSC, LPCC**

Elementary School Counselor

**\*Victoria Morin, MA, PPSC**

Middle School Counselor

**\*Michele Sloane, MA, AMFT, APCC**

ERMHS Provider and Mental Health Clinician K-8

**\*Phyllis Washington**

A Better Way Mental Health Clinician (for families with medi-cal)

As a Professional School Counselor, my role is to construct and maintain a program that best serves all students. I do this by building equitable academic, college/career and social-emotional interventions, such as multi-culturally competent individual and group counseling, classroom counseling lessons, individual student planning, crisis response, school-wide events, etc. These counseling supports are designed to support educational success and remove barriers to learning. This includes helping students with:

1. Identifying situations and/or concerns impacting them at school
2. Uncovering challenges and setting goals to move forward
3. Feeling a sense of community, represented and seen at AoA
4. Expressing thoughts and feelings

In addition to these counseling activities, I support Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions for students who need additional support such as through the 504 Program and/or Response to Intervention Team (RTI).

The counselor does not provide long term counseling, however if we feel as though a student may need more support than we can provide, the counseling team will collaborate to find adequate outside resources for the student. Please remember, your student does not need to be "in crisis" to receive support from a counselor. If you have further questions about what I do as a school counselor, feel free to email me for more information!

Warmly,

**Victoria Morin, M.A, PPSC**

Middle School Counselor

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