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#### **School Counselors**

The counselors' objective is to build a relationship of trust with each student to encourage academic, personal and social growth and development. They work collaboratively with students, families, faculty and administration to assist students in daily concerns and crisis intervention. They help students become mature, responsible and productive members of society.



#### **Substance Abuse Counselor**

The counselor's goal is to enhance awareness about the dangers of substance use through prevention and support programs. The substance abuse counselor works collaboratively with parents, students, teachers, administrators and community agencies to provide educational opportunities that emphasize healthy decision making, effective communication, problem solving, resiliency and many other life skills.

## **School Psychologists**

School psychologists provide support to students, school staff and parents regarding any academic, emotional, social or behavioral needs that may arise. Collaborating with the school team, psychologists provide counseling and crisis intervention services.

The school psychologists can evaluate students to determine eligibility for specialized services.



School social workers support students through individual or group counseling to cope with personal and/or emotional concerns that affect their school performance, behavior and socialization. They provide crisis intervention services in conjunction with additional school support staff. Collaborating with school district and community-based agencies, they help students and their families when struggling with potential hardships.





### **School Nurses**

School nurses provide medical care and support for the students who are ill, injured, or have chronic health conditions. School nursing is a specialized practice of professional nursing that advances the well-being and academic success of students. School nurses facilitate positive student responses to normal development, promote health and safety, and intervene with actual and potential health problems.