

Role of the Elementary School Counselor

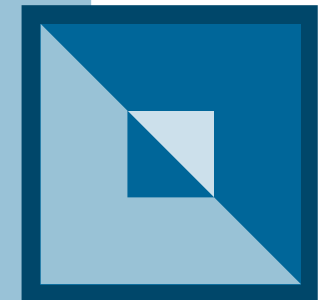
School counselors work with parents, school staff and the community to help all children achieve academic success. They provide education, prevention, and early intervention through a comprehensive, developmental school counseling program. Your professional school counselor holds a master's degree and required state certification in school counseling. Maintaining certification includes on-going professional development to stay current with education reform and challenges facing students.

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Bismarck Elementary School Counseling Program



Vision Statement

All students will have the academic, social, and personal skills to be career, college, and community ready.

Emotional, social, and behavioral concerns can interfere with a child's academic progress. Students experiencing these concerns can be helped and supported by the school counselor.

Mission Statement

To educate, support and advocate for all students so they are career, college, and community ready.

Classroom Guidance

ASCA National Model

The Elementary School Counseling Program is designed utilizing the American School Counseling National Standards. North Dakota has adopted these standards which address three competency domains of student development:

Academic Domain

Implementing strategies and activities to support and maximize each student's ability to learn

- Skills for Learning
- Goal Setting
- Learning Styles



Social/Emotional Domain

Teaching lessons to develop skills for personal and social growth as students progress through school

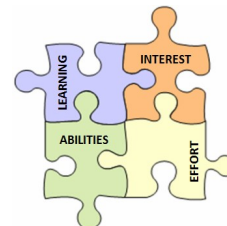
- Friendship Skills
- Positive Attitudes
- Healthy Choices
- Coping Skills
- Conflict Resolution Skills
- Problem Solving Skills



Career Domain

Providing lessons and activities to help students acquire skills, attitudes, and knowledge for the world of work

- Career Awareness



Responsive Services

The School Counselor is available to address the specific concerns of students through:

- Individual counseling
- Group counseling
- Crisis intervention
- Consultation with teachers, parents, and community agencies

School counseling is brief in nature. The school counselor is available to coordinate programming with a community agency if therapy is desired.

Referrals

- Students can self-refer to discuss a concern.
- Parents can refer a student by contacting the counselor.
- Teachers may consult with a parent about a referral to the counselor.

