



Welcome from New Martinsville School

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## THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hopefully, this little flyer will provide helpful information of our counseling program, introducing classroom counseling topics, special topics, resources and much more!

### So, what does a school counselor do?

According to the West Virginia School Counseling program,

- WV Counselors are certified according to WVBE Policy 5202, highly qualified master or doctoral level professional counselors who address the needs of all students in areas of academic, career and personal/social development while at the same time working collaboratively with, educators, families and/or the community.
- School counselors are counseling certified educators who improve student success for all students by implementing a **Comprehensive School Counseling Program**.
- School counselors provide proactive, preventive and developmentally appropriate programs in the areas mentioned above.
- Ultimately, the school counselor's role is to support the students' academic/social/emotional development, by working through issues that may impede their academic success and help provide a safe and nurturing environment to grow and thrive. (addressing matters such as anxiety, developing study styles, organizational skills, optimistic perspectives, student concerns and much more.)
- School counselors address these topics in classroom settings, small group settings or individual settings.
- Understand that the role of the school counselor differs between the various grade levels. (Elementary, Middle and High School settings)
- Attends parent, faculty and IEP/SAT meetings when requested.

### So, what are the school counselor's limits? We do not:

- Do long term mental health counseling
- Only work with students who are frequently in trouble
- Determine discipline or punish students
- Judge students or families
- Have a "Magic Wand"

**Our first activity:**

While students get situated with their new classrooms and schedules, we will be orienting new students to our school. Afterwards, we will make a brief visit to the classrooms to introduce ourselves and give a brief overview of our goals, services and intentions.

**\*Please know that if you or your child needs to speak with us, we are ALWAYS available.**

If you have concerns for your child's academic, social or emotional health, please notify:

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