

## SERVICES PROVIDED BY YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR....

- Helping develop positive attitudes among students towards self, family, and community.
- Counseling with students individually and in small groups to understand and appreciate their unique qualities and to grow personally and socially.
- School-wide Character Education Initiatives.
- Developing and delivering classroom guidance lessons that teach skills such as making healthy decisions, resolving conflicts, and respecting others.
- Collaboration with teachers and parents to meet the individualized learning needs of students.
- Working collaboratively with students, parents, and teachers to identify and remove barriers that may impede student achievement.



### Professional Organizations

The school counselor's professional organizations are the American School Counselor Association, the South Dakota School Counselor's Association, and being a National Certified Counselor.

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K-5  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL  
COUNSELOR

The Professional School Counselor is a certified counselor with a master's degree in school counseling, including coursework in career development, human growth and behavior, appraisal, research and program evaluation, and a supervised internship. In addition to coursework, school counselors may elect to gain professional orientation through membership in American School Counselor Association and passing an exam and becoming a National Certified Counselor (NCC).

The school counselor's primary task is to help students become better learners by providing a comprehensive program that includes responsive services, individual planning, systems support, and a guidance curriculum.

Elementary counseling and guidance services are available to all students, not just those in a crisis situation.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELORS BELIEVE....

- Children have dignity, worth, and value as human beings.
- Children learn best when they feel good about themselves and their relationships with others.
- Children who understand their feelings are better able to control their behavior.
- Children are capable of making responsible choices.
- Attitudes formed during elementary school shape future attitudes towards learning, self, and society.
- Children need guidance and support from school, parents, and community as they seek to find their place in society.
- Schools, parents, and communities that communicate and collaborate provide the most effective support to children.

### Elementary Guidance Philosophy...

- Encourage academic, personal/social, and career development based on the National Standards developed by the American School Counselors Association.
- Provide a systematic array of curriculum, interventions, and services based on student needs.
- Provide individual counseling, group counseling, classroom guidance, consultation, coordination, and curriculum development.
- Attain Baltic Elementary School's ultimate goal to be a "partnership of students, parents, staff and community members whose mission is to prepare students to be successful in life."

"I have learned that people will forget what you said; people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

— Maya Angelou