

SCHOOL COUNSELING SERVICES



All students benefit from a comprehensive counseling and guidance program.

- **CLASSROOM GUIDANCE**- the school counselor develops and implements classroom curriculum aligned with ASCA National Standards for Students. Lessons address the developmental needs of all students and are focused on three domains: *academic, career, and personal/ social*.

Academic development encompasses the teaching of strategies that maximize and support student learning while emphasizing the importance of the relationship between academic success and career readiness.

Career development provides students with the foundation for developing knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential for the school-to-work transition. Through career guidance activities, students develop an awareness of Georgia's Career Clusters and begin to identify individual strengths and preferences relevant to duties associated with different groups of jobs. Students develop understanding of how current learning relates to future planning and life experiences.

Personal/ social development affords the basis for student growth that plays a vital role in educational and career success. Classroom guidance lessons promote the development of positive attitudes and healthy approaches to school, life, and learning by facilitating the acquisition of self-knowledge and interpersonal skills.

- **GROUP COUNSELING**- a process where students sharing similar issues and concerns work together in a small group environment of 3-6 peers. Group counseling provides the opportunity for students to strengthen interpersonal skills while working toward a common goal. Group topics are determined based on the identified needs of students. Parental consent is required for participation.
- **INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING**- a student and the counselor work in a safe, positive, and confidential setting to address issues interfering with student achievement. Individual counseling services are brief and solution-focused. service. Parental consent is required except in cases where individual counseling is necessary to maintain order, discipline, or a productive learning environment.