

School Counselors, Social Workers and Psychologists

Middle school is an exciting time for many students. It is also a time of increased decision-making, physical, emotional, and social growth and confusion. School counselors, school psychologists and school social workers are here to assist students by providing services and supports related to many of the difficulties a student may experience while going through middle school and they provide important support to help students achieve maximal benefits from their educational programs. School Counselors, School Psychologists and School Social Workers place emphasis on collaboration and coordination of services. They collaborate with parents, teachers and other staff as part of a multidisciplinary team in order to meet the needs of children and parents.

A breakdown of roles:

School Counselor:

- *career and vocational assessments*
- *monitor student performance and provide academic counseling*
- *individual and group counseling*
- *crisis intervention*
- *provide academic, social, emotional support for students*

School Psychologist:

- *support for the prevention of educational and behavioral problems through early consultation with school staff and parents*
- *identification of student's strengths and needs through observation, and assessments both psychological and behavioral*
- *counseling*
- *crisis intervention*
- *provide social and emotional support to families and students*

School Social Worker:

- *resources for the delivery of school-based support services*
- *liaisons between schools, families and community programs and agencies*
- *counseling*
- *crisis intervention*
- *gather relevant information from families*
- *provide social and emotional support to families and students*