



Counselor's Corner

Myrtle Beach Middle School

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year!

Grade-Level Conferences and IGP's

Parents - please be on the lookout for *Calendly* appointment invitations for your child's individual grade-level conference (6th and 7th) or Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) conference (8th) after our school wide implementation of *Naviance Career Assessment* on October 23rd. During these conferences, counselors review:

- Student's 2023-2024 Academic Progress
- Student's Individual Career Assessment Results (*Naviance*)
- SC High School Graduation Requirements
- SC Uniform Grading Scale - Grade Point Average (G.P.A.)
- *Horry County Schools Secondary Program Options*
- SC Education Lottery Scholarship Opportunities

Conferences will be held in the parent's absence if a parent misses or chooses not to attend their child's meeting.

Counseling Services We Provide

Individual Counseling

Counselors are available to meet with students on a one-on-one basis, if needed. Below are examples of individual counseling services:

- Individual student academic planning and goal setting
- Responsive services
- Short-term counseling
- Referrals for long-term support

Small Group Counseling

Students have the opportunity to participate in small group counseling. Students must have a permission slip signed by a guardian. Some topics that have been covered in the past include: anxiety, academic success, social skills, college and career readiness, and emotional regulation. Guardians can reach out to the grade level counselor if you wish for your student to participate in small group counseling. Small group counseling is held once a week for 30 minutes during extended time/electives..

Classroom Guidance and Parenting Meetings

When important information needs to be shared with all parents and/or students, counselors are able to share that information in classroom guidance lessons and parenting meetings.

Crisis Counseling

If there is a situation where a student is in crisis, counselors play a vital role in ensuring that the student is safe and connected to the necessary resources to ensure that he or she can overcome obstacles and lead a positive, healthy lifestyle. Teachers, staff members, parents, and fellow classmates are able to refer a student to a counselor if there are concerns that the student may be in crisis. Please contact a counselor *immediately* if you suspect that a student may be in need of crisis counseling.

How Can My Student Reach The Counselor?

Students are often referred to counselors by teachers and administration if they are having a problem. Students who would like to talk to their counselor can email their counselor (emails listed below), create a Smart Pass or let their teacher know that they would like to meet with their counselor. Parents are also encouraged to reach out to their grade-level counselors if they have questions or concerns and feel that their student would benefit from counseling services.

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