

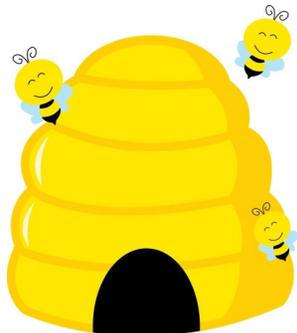
Comprehensive School Counseling

A Comprehensive School Counseling program is developmental and systematic in nature, sequential, clearly defined, and accountable. It is jointly founded upon developmental psychology, educational philosophy, and counseling methodology. This school counseling program is integral to the educational enterprise. The program is proactive and preventive in focus. It assists students in acquiring and using life-long learning skills. More specifically, this school counseling program employs strategies to enhance academics, provide career awareness, develop employment readiness, encourage self-awareness, foster interpersonal communication skills, and impact life success skills for all students.

Early identification and intervention of children's academic and personal/social needs is essential in removing barriers to learning and in promoting academic achievement. The knowledge, attitudes, and skills that students acquire in the areas of academic, career, and personal/social development during these years serve as the foundation for future success.

The American School Counselors Association has developed a national model which we intend to follow. There are three sections in the national model: Personal/Social Development, Educational Development, and Career Development. We will be meeting with students in small group sessions, individual sessions, and whole class sessions (classroom guidance).

*Please note, school counselors provide brief, solution focused services and do not provide "therapy" or "traditional counseling"



-About Miss Alanna Piroli-
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Hello Parents/Guardians! My name is Lanni Piroli and I am excited to be returning to Pee Dee Elementary. Last year I relocated to South Carolina from Sackets Harbor, a small tourist town along Lake Ontario in Northern New York. I attended St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY and earned both my B.S. in Psychology and my M.Ed. in School Counseling. During the past 5 years I have worked with preK-12th grade students as their school counselor. I am passionate about helping children learn and grow and I look forward to working with you and your children this year!

-About Dr. Fiona Martin-
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Hello! I am excited to be returning to PDE as a school counselor. Over the past 21 years, I have been a classroom teacher in grades 1-3, a school counselor in grades CD-5, and a graduate school instructor for future school counselors. I am a National Board Certified School Counselor, I hold bachelor degrees in Early Childhood and Elementary Education, a Masters degree in Counseling & Psychology, and a Doctorate degree in Teacher Leadership.

As a teacher, I quickly learned that it was difficult to teach a child who was hurting. Children come to school having to deal with many hardships. I hope to help children discover positive solutions to situations and help them use learned strategies to cope with difficulties. I aim to be an advocate for children who may not have a voice in the adult world. I look forward to helping PDE students build skills to improve the quality of their lives.

Pee Dee
Elementary School



Guidance & Counseling Program

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&
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Why Do We Need Elementary School Counselors?

As elementary school counselors, we will focus the majority of our time teaching life skills to help students successfully handle situations in the future.



At the Counseling Office, Students:

- Talk about things that are important to them.
- Work in small groups.
- Play games that help them to learn about themselves and other people.
- Work on a specific project or develop a plan of action.

What Does a School Counselor Do?

School counselors' jobs are as varied as the students they serve.

Counselors Help Students:

- Adjust to a new school.
- Find answers to their concerns.
- Make school a more rewarding and successful experience.
- Develop and enhance skills in decision making, problem solving, conflict resolution, and interpersonal communication.
- Develop good study habits & achieve the best academic performance.
- Help students with career awareness.

Counselors Help Parents:

- Coordinate the efforts of home & school.
- Discuss specific issues related to their children such as attitudes toward school, academic growth, personal and emotional development, relationships with peers and reactions to changes in family circumstances.
- Provide a link between families & community services when necessary.
- Help find early solutions to students' problems.

How Does a Student See the Counselor?

- Self Referral
- Teacher Referral
- Parent Referral
- Administrative Referral

Referral forms are located outside our offices- Rm 408 A(Miss Piroli), Rm 408B (Dr. Martin). Concerns may also be expressed via phone calls, e-mail, in writing, or in person.

Please feel free to contact us about any concerns you may have. We hope you will feel comfortable talking to us and understand that our conversations will always be treated confidentially and professionally. We look forward to working with you and helping in any way we can.

