

**Hanover-Horton  
Schools**



**Counseling  
Center  
Services**

**Middle School  
High School**

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# Professional School Counselors



School Counselors help students unlock barriers to success!

Professional school counselors have a master's degree or higher in school counseling and are state certified/licensed. They have been trained in school counseling with unique qualifications and skills to ad-

dress all students' academic, personal/social and career development needs. Professional school counselors implement a comprehensive school counseling program that promotes and enhances student achievement and serve a vital role in maximizing student achievement. They uphold the legal, ethical and professional standards of professional counseling associations and state law and promote the development of the school counseling program based on the ASCA National Model. Professional school counselors provide services to students, parents, school staff and the community in the following areas: School Guidance Curriculum, Individual Student Planning, Responsive Services, Individual/Group Counseling, Consultation and System Support. Counselors adhere to standards of practice that support a student's: right to respect and dignity, access to counseling services without discrimination, right to self-direction, freedom of choice and responsibility for his/her decisions.

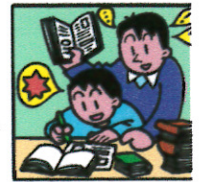
## How Can School Counselors Help?

- \* Academic skills support
- \* Organizational, study and test-taking skills
- \* Coping Strategies for things like stress, depression, anxiety, grief, divorce, eating disorders and so on.
- \* Peer and dating relationships and effective social skills
- \* Problem-solving, decision-making and conflict resolution
- \* Education in understanding self and others
- \* Career awareness, career exploration and planning
- \* Career Center
- \* Substance abuse education
- \* Crisis intervention, Suicidal thoughts, abuse
- \* Academic planning, course selection, scheduling, EDPs, Credit recovery referrals
- \* College planning and application assistance
- \* Dual enrollment
- \* Financial Aid and scholarship questions/resources
- \* Standardized testing: EXPLORE, PLAN, ACT, MME, PSAT, SAT, MEAP
- \* Interpreting cognitive, aptitude and achievement tests
- \* In classroom lessons on various subjects



The world is in your hands.

- \* Individual and group counseling
- \* Referrals/resources
- \* Student Assistance Teams (Special Education and 504 referral, IEP participation, Personal Curriculum)
- \* Portfolio Committees
- \* Sex Education
- \* New student orientations and tours



## Confidentiality

Confidentiality refers to the privacy of information that students share with their counselor. Students may share information with others as they wish, but counselors are legally and ethically obligated to keep most information students share with them as confidential as possible. We will guard that privacy as much as permitted by law, ethics, and school rules. We recognize the legal rights and responsibilities of parents in doing what is in the best interest of their children. With student permission, we may discuss issues with parents when ethically warranted and/or requested. Both students and parents should be aware that there exist exceptions to confidentiality. These include potential harm to the student or to others and suspicion of child abuse or neglect as mandated by state law. Counselors may also consult with other professionals in some cases to achieve the goals of the student.

## Web Resources

[www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics](http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics) Mental Health

[www.childdevelopmentinfo.com](http://www.childdevelopmentinfo.com) (Child Dev.)

[www.webmd.com/parenting](http://www.webmd.com/parenting) (Parenting)

[www.mi.gov/highschool](http://www.mi.gov/highschool) (Michigan High School Requirements)

[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) (EDPs)

[www.bls.gov/oco/home](http://www.bls.gov/oco/home) (Career Outlook)

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mistudentaid/INTERNET\\_RESOURCES](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mistudentaid/INTERNET_RESOURCES)  
(College Planning Guides)

[www.jccmi.ed](http://www.jccmi.ed) (JCC)

[www.mel.org](http://www.mel.org) (Michigan Library)

[www.jacc-mi.net](http://www.jacc-mi.net) (Career Center)

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (ACT, PLAN, EXPLORE)

[www.michigan.gov/mme](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) (MME info.)

[www.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter](http://www.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter) (College Sports)

[www.jacksonlegacyprogram.com](http://www.jacksonlegacyprogram.com) (Legacy Scholarship)

[www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid](http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid) (Financial Aid)

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (Federal Student Aid Forms)



Your Counselors have many more resources available to you...just ask!

American School Counselor Association  
Mission Statement:

"Our mission is to facilitate each student's personal/ social, academic and career development through the counselors' delivery of guidance and counseling activities as well as through a collaborative effort between the home, school and community. The ultimate objective is to help students identify their interests and abilities, and enhance productivity, dependability, self-expression and control, accurate decision-making and conflict-resolution skills along with other competencies that will remediate students with deficits, strengthen their unique capabilities and enable the youth to participate in a global society as responsible citizens."



**"Creating a better world,  
one student at a time"**

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