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Mission:

The mission of the Western Wayne Guidance Department is to foster healthy development in the areas of personal/social growth, academic achievement, and career planning. This will require collaboration with key stakeholders including educators, parents, and members of the community. Every student is unique, and so the counselors will be strong advocates to help all students access their education. Services will be preventative in nature and will be provided at the individual, group, classroom, and school-wide levels. Counselors will assist each student to find their own excellence, so that upon graduation, they will leave as productive, caring citizens of our community.

Statement of Confidentiality:

School counselors recognize their primary obligation for confidentiality is to the student but balance that obligation with an understanding of the family or guardians’ legal and inherent rights to be the guiding voice in their children’s lives (ASCA Code of Ethics, 2010, A.2.d).

ASCA National Model:

ASCA’s Vision:

The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) is the foundation that expands the image and influence of professional school counselors through advocacy, leadership, collaboration and systemic change. ASCA empowers professional school counselors with the knowledge, skills, linkages and resources to promote student success in the school, the home, the community and the world.

ASCA’s Mission:

The mission of ASCA is to represent professional school counselors and to promote professionalism and ethical practices.

How Services Are Delivered:

Guidance Curriculum:

- Provide all students with the knowledge and skills appropriate for their developmental level
- Teach, practice, and engage students
- Collaborate with teachers

Individual Student Planning:

- Coordination of goals, strategies, abilities, and interest to create unique future paths

Responsive Services:

- Meeting the immediate needs and concerns of students
- Consultation and collaboration with teachers, families, and specialists
- Referrals to resources
- Support in crisis situations
- Small group education and support

System Support:

- Connection between school and community
- Professional development and evaluation

Meet Your School Counselors:

Mrs. Anna Culkin



Anna graduated from Scranton Preparatory School. After graduation, she attended Notre Dame for her bachelor's degree and attended The University of Scranton for her master's degree in School Counseling. Anna is a Nationally Board Certified Elementary and Secondary School Counselor. Anna works primarily with the pre- kindergarten through second grade students.

Miss Rachael Perri



Rachael graduated from Carbondale Area School District. After graduation, she attended The Pennsylvania State University, where she received two bachelor's degrees and attended Marywood University for her master's degree in School Counseling. Rachael is a Nationally Board Certified Elementary and Secondary School Counselor. Miss Perri works primarily with the third through fifth grade students.

Professional School Counselors are:

School Counselor Qualifications:

School counselors are certified professionals with a master's degree or higher. Their degree is in elementary school counseling, secondary school counseling, or dual certified for elementary and secondary school counseling. In addition to extensive coursework, school counselors are required by the American School Counseling Association to complete a practicum and internship, supervised by a certified school counselor.

What Do School Counselors Do?:

"School Counselors are qualified to address all students' academic, career and personal/social development needs by implementing, evaluating and enhancing a comprehensive school counseling program" (The Role of the Professional School Counselor). The domains are addressed through school wide programs, classroom lessons and individual counseling. They are also trained in crisis response.

Reference

ACA, ASCA, and NEA. (2008). *Who are school counselors?*.

American School Counseling Association. *The Role of the Professional School Counselor*.

In Summary:

Your School Counselors are...

- Advocates for all students and families
- Ethical and professional
- Knowledgeable in prevention and intervention
- Collaborators
- Caring, empathetic listeners
- Promoters of equality and open-mindedness
- HERE TO HELP!

Professional School Counselors Help with Development In:

Academic



School Counselors help students acquire the knowledge and skills to be successful learners. National standards address through: classroom support, goal setting, transitions, study skills, organization, and identification of strengths or areas of growth.

Career



School Counselors help students acquire the skills to investigate the world of work and achieve future career success. EverGreen Elementary School Counselors also use Career Cruising, an educational career exploration program, to begin the discussion with students about their future career goals.

Personal and Social Skills



School Counselors help students acquire the interpersonal skills to help understand and respect themselves and others. Counselors also help students understand decision making, goal setting, and safety skills.