

How can parents/guardians help their child succeed?

Parents/guardians influence their child's success when they:

- ✿ Have fair, reasonable, and consistent rules;
- ✿ Help the child learn that all behavior has consequences -- positive or negative;
- ✿ Encourage learning both in and out of school;
- ✿ Maintain communication with teachers, counselors and principals;
- ✿ Participate in school activities;
- ✿ Celebrate the child's successes and recognize that mistakes or failures are part of the learning process; and
- ✿ Listen to their child's concerns.

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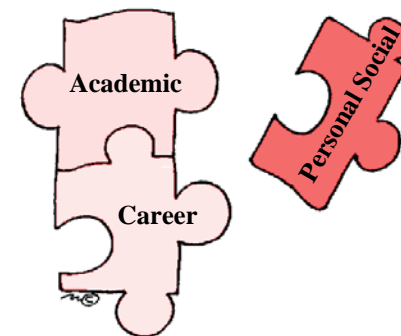
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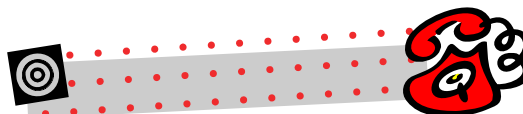
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Helping students

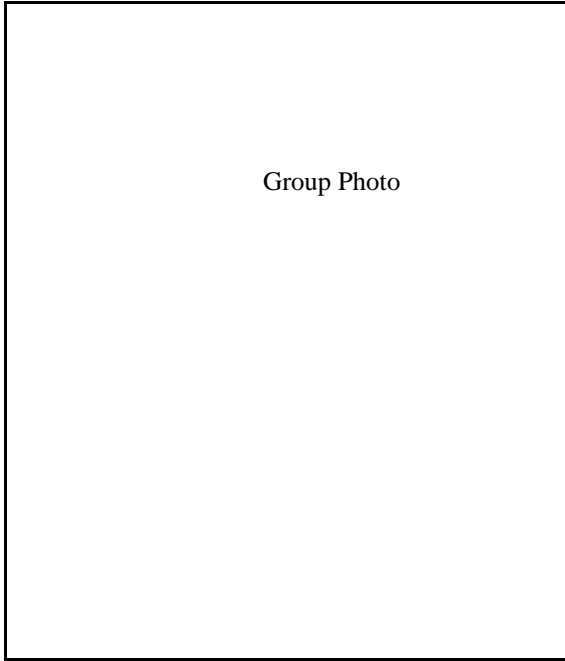


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Who are we?



District Mission Statement:

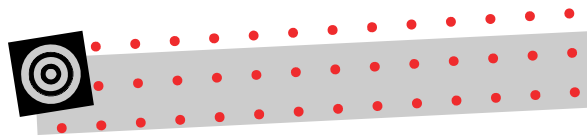
Indiana Area School District is committed to excellence in educating each student to become a self-directed lifelong learner and a responsible citizen in a changing global society.



What is a school counselor?

School counselors work with all students, school staff, families, and members of the community as an integral part of the education program. The professional school counselor is a certified/licensed educator trained in school counseling with unique qualifications and skills to address all students' academic, personal/social and career development needs. *(American School Counselor Association, 2004)* Professional school counselors implement a comprehensive school counseling program that promotes and enhances student achievement at each stage of development.

The counselors provide short-term intervention in a confidential setting. Sessions are kept confidential except when students disclose that they are being hurt, are hurting someone else, or want to hurt themselves. If a student should require more intense or long-term intervention, a referral to an outside agency should be made.



What do counselors do?

ACADEMIC

- ✦ Assist students with academic planning so that each individual student meets his or her highest potential.
- ✦ Work with teachers and parents to ensure that students have the support to be successful.
- ✦ Help students select appropriate courses.

PERSONAL SOCIAL

- ✦ Help students manage family and academic transitions.
- ✦ Assist students in finding appropriate ways to deal with conflict.
- ✦ Encourage students to use appropriate peer interaction skills.

CAREER

- ✦ Help students explore their interests and strengths to plan a career path.
- ✦ Provide students with information about careers and post-secondary education and training.
- ✦ Encourage students to explore careers through assessment, inventories and discussion.