



COUNSELING SERVICES

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Mission

The mission of the Counseling Services Center at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School is to provide all students with the academic, social, and emotional skills necessary to grow into successful, Christ-centered adults. This program will take an integrated approach to ensure healthy development through individual and small group academic resources, extracurricular academic programs, and a comprehensive school counseling program. The counseling services team is committed to building the foundation for passionate life-long learners and future community leaders in a supportive, culturally responsive environment.

School Counselors' Role

The role of the school counselors is to meet the academic, social/emotional, and college & career readiness needs for students at Our Lady of Mercy School. The school counselors collaborate with the students, parents, teachers, and administration to ensure students are "ready to learn" when they are at school. This objective may be accomplished through the following program activities:

- Short-term individual counseling
- Group counseling
- Classroom counseling lessons
- Large group (whole grade or campus wide) activities
- Crisis counseling
- Student Success Meetings, scheduled by counselor upon parent, teacher, or administration request
- Referral and/or collaboration with outside educational and mental health professionals
- Accommodations for testing and classroom success

Parents may request counseling services for their child by contacting Alaine Dawson or Katie Zylicz via phone or email. More information about academic and social/emotional support from the school counselor may be found in the school handbook.