

We are here for the community (continued)

Career Day: Counselors work with local businesspeople to showcase careers available in our community. Careers highlighted last year included education, engineering, military, medical, and much more.

Peer Leaders: Counselors work with student-leaders to hone their leadership skills and to promote positive community involvement.

Walk-A-Thon: The counseling department sponsors an annual walk-a-thon to raise money for DMS families that are in financial need.



Peer Mediators: Counselors train and assist student volunteers in helping their peers resolve conflicts.

The direction in which
education starts a
man will determine
his future in life.

Plato



The mission of the Dacula Middle School counseling department is to support the instructional program by helping students to meet their personal, social and academic goals through the use of research-based interventions as we collaborate with the school community to encourage life-long learning.



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We are here for the students:

Individual Counseling: Counselors meet with and assist individual students at the request of the student, parent, teacher or administrator.

Classroom Guidance: Counselors teach guidance lessons based on GCPS's Counseling Competencies and address topics such as: career planning, problem solving and testing & study skills.

Group Counseling: Students are referred by teachers or parents to participate in small group counseling. Group topics may include family changes, grief, friendship, self-esteem and study skills.

Attendance Talks: Counselors conduct individual talks with students to discuss their attendance history, what they can do to help improve it and possible consequences if the attendance pattern continues.

Consult with Teachers: Counselors collaborate with teachers to discuss student progress and to help in removing any barriers to learning.

Monitor Grades: Counselors monitor students grades, communicate nine week concerns with parents, and attend parent conferences.

Academic Assistance Program (AAP): Counselors identify students who could benefit from the AAP. The counselors also assist with registration for the AAP.

SST/SARC: As needed, the counselor speaks with parents via phone or in person, along with other team members, to discuss student progress regarding academic, attendance, behavior, social or any other issue/concern that may have an affect on the students academic standing.

Test Talks: Counselors individually speak with students and review previous standardized test

performance. The counselor also assists the students in setting academic goals and creating a plan of action to increase performance on future assessments.

Advisement: Counselors assist with the development of advisement lessons and monitor the impact the program has on student success.

Testing: Counselors assist with testing by administering small group and make-up sessions. They also assist with the preparation & packing of test materials.



We are here for the community:

Parent Workshops: The counseling department recruits speakers, facilitates planning and implements programs to address parent needs. Parent workshops are held in the evenings and child care is provided.

DMS will offer the following parent workshops & new parent breakfasts this year. They will be held on:

- Oct. 21 @ 6:30 p.m.– Parent Writing Workshop
- October 28 @ 8:30– 9:30 a.m.– New Parent Breakfast*
- February 3 @ 6:30 p.m.– Family Math Night
- February 24 @ 8:30-9:30 a.m. - New Parent Breakfast*

* *New Parent Breakfasts are for families new to the Dacula area. School and community. Information will be shared.*