



Curtis Fundamental Elementary

School Counseling Program Information



My name is Danielle Matthews, and it is my pleasure to serve as your school counselor. This is my 24th year as a school counselor in Pinellas County Schools. I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information regarding the ways I assist our students and families.

Elementary School Counseling

The elementary years are a time when students begin to develop their academic self-concept and their feelings of competence as learners. They are also developing decision making, communication, and life skills, as well as character values. Comprehensive school counseling programs provide education and support to all students that serves as a foundation for future success.

Classroom Lessons

Monthly classroom lessons for all students address important developmentally appropriate topics such as friendship skills, school success, resolving conflict, managing feelings, respecting others, and much more!

Small Group Counseling

Small groups provide additional learning experiences for students that may benefit from further developing their personal or academic skills along with their peers. Small group topics vary and are determined by student need. Groups generally meet once a week for several weeks. Parental consent is necessary before a student may participate in small group counseling.

Individual Counseling

There may be times when a student is in need of short-term individual support for concerns that may be affecting them in their educational environment. This support is not intended to take the place of, nor replicate, private therapeutic counseling services. Parental consent is necessary before a student may participate in short-term individual counseling.

Consultation

I frequently consult with parents and teachers to best support students. I also provide resources for parents to help their child at home, such as information regarding community counseling services, Clothes to Kids, Hospice, and Toys for Tots.

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