Columbia Public Schools

Mission Statement...

The mission of Columbia School District is as follows:

The Columbia Public Schools’ mission is to provide all students quality educational opportunities that prepare them to be responsible individuals, life-long learners, competent workers and contributing citizens.

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LANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL Guidance Department

Professional School Counselors...

Carey Hughes, Counselor (A-K)
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Kathy Robinsonn, Outreach Counselor
Jenny Maddox, Registrar

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Responsive Services
Addresses the immediate needs and concerns of students for both Prevention & Intervention

Middle School Guidance Curriculum
• Academic Success
• Social Skills/Conflict
• Mediation
• Valuing Diversity
• Personal Safety Skills
• Career Exploration & Planning
• Personal Educational Plans

Middle School Individual Planning
• Academic Support
• Career Exploration & Planning
• Individual Educational & Career Plan
• Transitional Activities

Middle School Guidance Curriculum

Professional School Counselor 2015-2016

Professional school counselors help students find the key to being life-long learners, competent workers and contributing citizens.
The Guidance Program for Columbia Public Schools is designed to meet the educational, career development and personal/social needs of its students. There are four components to the program:

**Guidance Curriculum**

The guidance curriculum consists of structured developmental experiences presented systematically through classroom and group activities in kindergarten through grade twelve. The three major areas covered in curriculum are:

- Personal and Social Development
- Academic Development
- Career Development

**Responsive Services**

Responsive Services consists of activities designed to meet immediate needs and concerns of students requiring counseling, consultation, or referral. This guidance component is available to all students and is often student-initiated. Responsive services are delivered through the following strategies.

Responsive services strategies include...

- Individual Counseling (Provided by Professional School Counselors and Outreach Counselors)
- Crisis Counseling (Provided by Professional School Counselors and Outreach Counselors)
- Small Group Counseling (Provided by Professional School Counselors and Outreach Counselors)
- Referral for Counseling or Services To Outside Resources/Agencies
- Consultation for parents and teachers

A note about confidentiality: For counseling to be effective, it is important that a level of trust be developed between counselors and students. It is the philosophy of the guidance department that the conversations between a counselor and student will be confidential except under the following circumstances:

- There is clear danger of harm to the student or to others.
- There is an incident or a report of abuse, maltreatment or neglect.

The guidance department also recognizes that parental involvement is a critical factor in student success. Every effort will be made to facilitate positive communication between students and their parents or guardians.

**Individual Planning**

Individual Planning Activities assist all students to plan, monitor and manage their own learning, as well as their personal and career development. Within this component, students evaluate their educational, occupational and personal goals and develop individual education/career plans no later than seventh grade in collaboration with parents/guardians. The activities in this component are:

- Counselor planned and directed.
- Generally delivered on an individual basis or by working with individuals in a small group.

**System Support**

System Support consists of management activities that maintain and enhance the total guidance program. Activities under system support include:

- Program Evaluation
- Professional development
- Staff and community relations
- Guidance Advisory Committee

**K-12 Guidance and Counseling Programs and Services**

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