

SCHOOL COUNSELING SERVICES

GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL

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<u>Granby Memorial Middle School Counselors</u>	<u>Granby Memorial High School</u>	<u>College and Career Center</u>
Ms. Neff - counselor Mr. Cunningham - counselor	Ms. Bragg - counselor Ms. Toomey - counselor Ms. Nisbet - counselor Ms. Caruso – admin assistant	Ms. Henze – CCC assistant Mr. Stanwood – CTE coordinator

All caseloads within the American School Counseling Association (ASCA) recommendations (250:1)



THREE DOMAINS OF SCHOOL COUNSELING:

Personal / Social

- Foster respect and compassion for others
- Healthy decision-making
- Acquire effective interpersonal skills

Academic

- Goal-setting for academic success
- Promote importance of development of 21st Century Skills

College / Career

- Opportunities for career exploration
- Individual post-secondary planning
- Emphasis on fit

GUARANTEED POINTS OF CONTACTS 6-12

- Middle School Contacts

 - 6th Grade

 - Small group meetings with counselors (groups of 6-8) to ensure students know how to locate and access the school counselor
 - Classroom lessons throughout the year

 - 7th Grade

 - Classroom lessons throughout the year

 - 8th Grade

 - Individual high school transition meetings/Course Selection
 - Classroom-based lessons throughout the year

- High School Contacts

 - Individual course registration/course planning meeting 9, 10, 11, 12
 - Freshman Introduction and Grade 9, Wellness 9 Classroom Lesson
 - Sophomores Wellness 10 Classroom Lesson, Signs of Suicide classroom lesson in Wellness
 - Junior Planning Meeting-Spring of Junior Year
 - Senior Post Secondary Planning Meetings –multiple meetings, Signs of Suicide-advocating for mental health needs after high school

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADDITIONAL CONTACT WITH SCHOOL COUNSELORS:

- Other Referral Sources:

Individual meetings with students of concern who are identified through developmental guidance lessons

Individual student-generated requests to meet

Individual appointments referred by staff/admin/peers/parents as needing support.



ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE

@ The Middle School

- Student Intervention Team
- Team Meetings
- Homework Club
- Peer Tutor
- X Block Assistance

@ The High School

- Student Intervention Team review report card data
 - Math Intervention/Strategic Literacy Intervention, Academic Center
- Learning Center for drop-in assistance in math and English
- 6th period study hall portion of class
- Homework Club
- Peer Tutor

SUPPORTING STUDENT ACCESS TO LEARNING

- Personal/Social

- organizational support
- learning style
- managing test/performance anxiety
- facilitated conversations with teachers/parents
- self-advocacy skills

- Academic

- study strategies
- grade monitoring
- prioritizing work
- awareness/referrals to various support opportunities (tutoring, HW club, CREC partnerships)

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER: FUTURE DIRECTIONS


- Work to ensure increased, systematic use of the CCC throughout grades 9-12
- Implement a workshop model to provide choice and access
 - Examples: Resume writing, NAVIANCE 101, Exploring Military Options, Entering the Job Force, Maneuvering the Common Application, Scholarship Sources
 - Small group guided instruction thru Post-Secondary Planning Process
- Collaborate with the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Coordinator to increase internships, job shadow experiences, career related field trips.
- Increase support for the needs of Choice students in the post-secondary planning process

NAVIANCE

GMMS

- Currently used in Grade 8.
- Cluster Finder
- Use of other online resources for developmental guidance lessons such as an electronic learning style inventory

GMHS

- Used in grades 9-12
 - Full integration of Naviance for resume writing, career inventory, interest inventory, college search, career and labor market information.
 - College application materials such as the teacher and counselor recommendation and official transcript electronically sent out to colleges using Naviance.
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STRATEGIC SUCCESS PLAN FOR SCHOOL COUNSELING

- March 2020: Completion of a Strategic Improvement Plan for the Department
- Increased integration of Naviance at GMMS
- Use of a student and parent survey to solicit input
- Curriculum Revision work beginning in Summer, 2020
- Pilot of workshop model for the College Career Center 2020/2021