

Statement of Philosophy

For Starling ES

The counselors at Starling Elementary School believe:

All students have worth and can learn
All students should have access to developmentally appropriate , best practices , enhancing academic, emotional and social development regardless of ethnicity, age, or special need

All students should have access to a comprehensive, developmental school counseling program where academic, career, and personal social domains are presented and attained

The comprehensive school counseling program should:

Consider the needs of all students, teachers, and parents at Starling Elementary School

Be based on needs assessments, the ASCA competencies, GCPS counseling competencies, and GCPS AKS

Be delivered by professional school counselors who abide by the ASCA Code of Ethics and Gwinnett County Professional Standards

Communicate its mission, goals, and counseling program activities

The mission of Starling Elementary School's Counseling Department is to enhance the learning process by supporting students' social, emotional and physical development. The Starling ES counselors will provide a comprehensive developmental counseling program that cultivates lifelong learning by teaching academic, career and personal social skills to enhance future success.



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The Elementary School Counselor

Counsels individually with children

Teaches regular counseling core curriculum lessons in classrooms

Conducts small group counseling sessions

Consults with parents in private conferences about their child

Consults with teachers

Conducts parenting workshops

Provides information on community resources for families

Removes barriers that impact academic success

In individual and/or group counseling we...

...help children cope with difficult and/or unchangeable life events.

...help children recognize and make use of their potential.

...give children the opportunity to share their feelings and concerns.

...develop problem solving ability.

...teach decision making skills.



Topics taught during Classroom Counseling Lessons

...build self esteem and confidence.

Test Preparation

Peer relations

Career awareness

Study skills

Decision making

Self-esteem

Personal safety

Cooperation

Bully prevention

Individual Differences

