IDAHO SCHOOL COUNSELORS: COMMITTED TO SAFE SCHOOLS!

Children learn best in safe, disciplined schools. School counselors make many contributions to promote safe, orderly schools where both student learning and positive student behavior flourish.

School Counselors’ contributions to safe schools include:

WITH STUDENTS
♥ Provide group and individual counseling dealing with academic, career, personal, and social needs.
♥ Coordinate mentor programs available to all students to assist with academic and peer concerns. Peer helper or buddy systems help new/transfer students adjust to his/her new school.
♥ Facilitate programs that train students how to handle their anger and peer problems. For example, conflict resolution, peer mediation, and anger management.
♥ Conduct regular discussion groups on school district's code of student behavior and discipline.

WITH PARENTS
♥ Provide parents with resources and training on disciplining children nonviolently and working with strong-willed children.
♥ Have a referral system for parents/guardians seeking help with their children's behavior.

WITH TEACHERS, THE SCHOOL, AND THE DISTRICT
♥ Assist teachers and all staff with training needs in student behavior and discipline.
♥ Coordinate a school-wide program that promotes no tolerance for fighting, bullying, harassing, discriminating, or other unsafe, inequitable behaviors.
♥ Team with other student services' staff to develop an effective system of referral and assessment for students exhibiting troublesome behaviors.
♥ Serve on the School and District Crisis Response Teams.

WITH THE COMMUNITY
♥ Work with local children/youth advocate groups, especially those that address child abuse, sexual abuse, and domestic violence issues.
♥ Help create policies and programs that demonstrate a community who cares about its children.