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K – 12 School Counseling Services

Parental Notification

Caroline County Public Schools Counseling Program is designed to meet the needs of all students. Each School's program is designed to be inclusive, preventive and developmental in nature and based on Standards for School Counseling Programs in Virginia Public Schools. These standards are designed to complement and support the Virginia Standards of Learning and ensure that all students in grades K-12 receive support in academic, career, and personal/social development.

The School Counseling Program also includes responsive services that address students' immediate needs and concerns. These services are delivered through prevention and intervention activities. These needs can be met through individual/small group counseling; consultation with parents, teachers and other educators; and referrals.

A student will meet with the school counselor when he/she requests counseling; parents, teachers, administrators and other school staff members refer the student; and/or the school counselor initiates contact.

Parents have the options to withdraw their child(ren) from all or any portion of the school counseling program by completing an opt-out form obtained from the school office. This request will be filed in the Student Record and staff advised of student non-participation. Opt-out requests will not transfer from school to school. Parents will need to complete an opt-out request form each time a student changes schools and at the beginning of each school year.

The opt-out provision excludes any short duration personal/social counseling which is needed to maintain order, discipline or a productive learning environment; respond to a crisis situation where there exists an immediate threat to the health and safety of the student or others; or follow-up to determine progress with a student who has previously participated in individual or group counseling.

Materials used with students in the School Counseling Program are available for parent review and comment by making arrangements with the school counselor.

For more information regarding the School Counseling Program contact your child(ren)'s individual school.

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