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We are here to serve you!



The work of Student Services is built around our commitment to ensuring that all students have equal opportunities for success in school through an array of support services for students. We seek to identify and to remove barriers that impede student success.

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OUR MISSION:

Student Services is committed to supporting the instructional process by identifying and eliminating barriers to learning, advocating for the needs of the whole child, and empowering all students to become life-long learners in the 21st century.

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STUDENT SERVICES

PURPOSE & GOALS

The Cumberland County Schools' Student Services department offers support to students, staff, and parents aimed at creating positive emotional climates which help students maximize their potential in the educational setting. An array of professional services and programs are offered through the following areas: Health Services, Counseling Services, School Psychological Services, School Social Work Services, and the Military Connection.

The Student Services department provides support to schools through: a) Student Services personnel assigned to schools, b) school-based Student Services Teams, and c) initiatives, programs, activities, and services designed to assist schools in their support of student achievement and well being.

FOCUS AREAS

Dropout Prevention

Student Services is committed to working with all stakeholders to decrease the number of students who dropout of school, and to increase the graduation rate. A number of supportive services are available to raise awareness of the detrimental effects of school dropout, to identify students at-risk of school failure, to recover students that dropped out of school, and to support students in school. All Student Services employees (counselors, nurses, social workers, psychologists) are available to assist parents, guardians, and students with accessing these services.

Health Services

The Health Services Division is a combination of health education, physical education, and health services. It includes a planned, sequential K-12 program that integrates information about specific health topics. In addition, school nurses facilitate health services such as immunizations, follow-up, communicable disease control, vision and hearing screening and follow-up, health assessments and referrals, health counseling, information for students and families, medication administration, and developing health plans for individual students.

Military Connection

The military family and youth liaison (MFYL) is available to assist military-connected students. Working in partnership with our local and military community, the MYFL acts as a communication link between the installation and the school district in order to ease the transition for the military child. The MFYL coordinates and support efforts to: assess needs, build awareness of resources, and connect those with needs to supportive solutions. In addition, the MFYL provides prevention, crisis, and conflict resolution.

School Mental Health Support Specialists

School Mental Health Support Specialists are licensed School Counselors and School Social Workers that adhere to the NC Professional School Standards. Their role is to build meaningful partnerships with students and families, to facilitate the care review meetings, to provide case management, and to offer staff training and parent workshops such as: Darkness to Light (Stewards of Children), Youth Mental Health First Aid (facilitated by Alliance BHC), More than Sad, Resilience, and SPARCS.

School Counseling Services

Professional school counselors are certified/licensed educators with a minimum of a master's degree in school counseling. They are uniquely qualified to address all students' academic, personal/social and career development needs by designing, implementing, evaluating and enhancing a comprehensive school counseling program that promotes and enhances student success. They also provide consultation to parents and students. In addition, they provide prevention, crisis, and conflict resolution.



School Psychological Services

School psychologists are highly trained in both psychology and education, completing a minimum of a specialist-level degree program. They provide assessment and testing of students for special services, consultation for teachers, and counseling for students. In addition, they provide prevention, crisis, conflict resolution, and program modification for special and/or behavioral needs.

School Social Work Services

School Social Workers are trained mental health professionals with a Bachelors or Masters degree in social work. They are the link between the home, school and community. School social workers provide direct as well as indirect services to students, families, and school personnel such as monitoring school attendance, promoting dropout prevention, consultation, information and referral, identification of at-risk students, and counseling. In addition, they provide prevention, crisis, and conflict resolution.

Section 504

Students with physical and mental health impairments that significantly impact major life activities may be eligible for support under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The Section 504 Team will collaborate with parents and guardians to determine if students should be referred for further evaluation under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or evaluated for Section 504 services. Every school has a designated Section 504 Coordinator to assist parents and guardians with the referral process. For more information contact your child's school or the District 504 Coordinator at (910) 678-2433.

Student Services Teams

In Cumberland County Schools, (CCS), the Student Services Team (SST) is a regular education process to address and resolve barriers to teaching and learning. The SST uses a three tier intervention process to empower teachers, parents, and students to address academic, medical, behavioral/emotional, and/or other problems through evidence based interventions, data driven decision making, and collaboration from professionals from a variety of specialty areas (counseling, social work, psychology, education, and special education). Every school in CCS has a SST in place. For assistance, contact your child's school and request to speak with the SST Chair.