

PYP School Counsellor

The Role of the School Counsellor at DIS

The counsellor offers information, consultation, and support to the school community as well as individual and group counselling to students. The counsellor implements a comprehensive school guidance program that promotes and enhances student learning and achievement.

The School Counsellor adheres to the ASCA 'Ethical Standards for School Counsellors' as amended October, 2010.

<http://www.schoolcounselor.org/content.asp?pl=136&contentid=136>

The counsellor is available for consultation to teachers and parents as well as assisting in accessing services in the community. The counsellor also works with teachers to increase the overall well-being of students in the school by educating about social, emotional, and psychological health and creating transition programs for incoming and leaving students.

The school counsellor serves as a member of the Student Support Services Team (SSST) to evaluate and refer students for additional academic and/or emotional support.

Specific Responsibilities

- develops and implements guidance programmes that focus on the social/emotional education of students. Topics are determined after consultation with teachers.
- offers individual and group counselling to students presenting issues including friendship, social skills, study skills, grief/loss, conflict resolution, etc.
- maintains a high visibility on playground and in classrooms so students see counsellor as another helpful adult
- offers parent/teacher consultation and support
- works collaboratively with administration to develop and maintain student pastoral care plans
- is a member of the Transitions Program Team to assist students coming/leaving
- contributes regularly to the Student Services portion of the newsletter for community education and support
- is available to present topics of interest/concern to parents in Community Room
- is responsible to the Director and PYP Principal for all aspects of the guidance program.