

Forest Hills Public Schools Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program

The mission of the FHPS Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program is to assist all students in achieving their individual potential by providing academic, career, and personal / social learning experiences that value, challenge, and prepare all students to build meaningful and productive lives.

For additional information, please contact your school counselor directly.

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COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING PROGRAM



School counselors help
students develop their full
potential as individuals



Counselors help students

- ...understand and accept themselves and others within a global society.
- ...establish and maintain healthy relationships with self and others.
- ...develop responsible behaviors and attitudes through the Forest Hills Public Schools Anti-bully Initiative.
- ...learn decision-making and interpersonal skills.
- ...gain optimum benefits from their school experience.

Counselors help parents

- ...better understand the social and psychological aspects of adolescent development.
- ...work with the school staff to plan their child's education.
- ...learn more about school programs and keep track of their child's academic progress.
- ...become aware of community resources available to them and their children.

Counselors help school staff

- ...understand individual student needs.
- ...promote communication with parents.
- ...use resources in planning for students.

Counselors help the community

- ...link to the school as a resource to children, family, and school staff.
- ...become informed about school programs.

The counselors and staff, in partnership with parents and community members, are committed to providing students with experiences that impart knowledge, attitude, and skills in the academic, personal, social, and career development areas.

Please feel free to call your child's counselor with any concerns or questions.

Professional School Counselors

All Forest Hills Public Schools counselors have Masters Degrees in guidance and counseling. All Forest Hills Public Schools counselors pass a state certification examination and participate in continuing education for certification renewal.

Forest Hills Public Schools Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program follows the American School Counseling Association model in order to provide opportunities to acquire knowledge and skills in the following three areas:

Academic Development

- Students will acquire the attitudes, knowledge, and skills contributing to effective learning in school and across their lifespan.
- Students will complete school with the academic preparation essential to choose from a wide range of substantial post-secondary options, including college.
- Students will understand the relationship of academics to the world of work and to life at home and in the community.

Career Development

- Students will acquire the skills to investigate the world of work in relation to knowledge of self and to make informed career decisions.
- Students will employ strategies to achieve future career goals with success and satisfaction.
- Students will understand the relationship between personal qualities, education, training, and the world of work.

Personal/Social Development

- Students will acquire the knowledge, attitudes, and interpersonal skills to help them understand and respect self and others.
- Students will make decisions, set goals, and take necessary action to achieve goals.
- Students will understand safety and survival skills.