



Robert L. Merritt Jr. High

School Counselor

Academic, Behavioral, Emotional, & Social "Growth for ALL Students"

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Counseling Services

Individual Counseling:

Assistance provided to some students who may need help to overcome social and/or personal problems that interfere with learning.

Group Counseling:

A support group for students who share a common concern.

Classroom Guidance:

Assistance provided to all students to succeed and appropriately interact with their peers. These lessons are taught in the classroom once a month. These activities promote positive social and emotional behavior.

Student Advocacy:

Tasks to create an environment that encourages high achievement for all students.

Collaboration:

Activities to connect parents and families with resources in the community and consultation with parents and other staff to help meet the needs of students at home and in the classroom.

Academic Counseling:

Explanation of Student Data, i.e. Test scores, Scheduling, Career planning via Career Inventories etc.

How can a student see the counselor on an individual basis?

- ♦ Student self-referral
- ♦ Staff referral
- ♦ Parent referral

School Counselor Philosophy

It is my belief that every child, in our school can learn and be academically successful. Children who may not be socially or emotionally stable benefit from having caring adults surrounding them with those individuals pushing them to meet their potential.



School Counseling Program Mission Statement

The mission of the Robert L. Merritt Jr. High School Counseling Program is to provide a comprehensive, developmentally appropriate program that addresses the academic, career, and personal/social/emotional development of every child. With the collaborative effort of school personnel, families, and community resources, the school counseling program will provide every student the opportunity to become productive citizens and lifelong learners in our competitive society.



The Professional School Counselor:

The Professional School Counselor is a certified teacher with at least a master's degree in school counseling, including coursework in career development, human growth and behavior, guidance and information services, and a supervised Internship.

About your School Counselor:

- Native of Chicago, IL.
- Bachelors of Music Education --
 - -Alcorn State University
- ◆ Masters of School Counseling --
 - -Delta State University
- Educational Specialist
 - Arkansas State University
- ♦ AAA Highly Qualified