

IN OUR CHANGING WORLD:

- By age 21, today's young people have faced more decisions than their grandparents faced in a lifetime.
- One out of five families move each year
- Everyone faces career decisions



- Young people face-increasing violence in our society and in their schools.
- Some young people face hopelessness that can lead to self-destructive behavior.

Young adolescents affected by these and other problems are not able to achieve at their full academic potential. The counselor's primary task is to help them become better learners by providing a comprehensive program that includes responsive services, individual planning, systems support and a guidance curriculum.

The Professional School Counselor is a certified teacher with a master's degree in school counseling, including coursework in career development, human growth and behavior, guidance and information services, and a supervised internship. **Ms. Hale graduated from the University of MS with a Bachelor's in Secondary Education, Delta State University with a Master's Degree in School Counseling & Specialist in Education Administration.**

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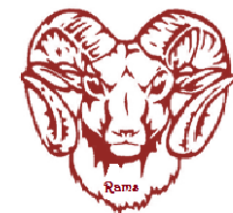


Introducing Your School Counselor

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Every Student. Every Day.



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SCCSD School Counselors Help Our Children

Find Success in School by:

- Helping develop positive attitudes among students towards self, family, and community.
- Counseling with students individually and in groups to understand and appreciate their unique qualities and to grow personally and socially.
- Supporting students in developing an individual plan for academic success.
- Developing and delivering classroom guidance lessons that teach skills such as making healthy decisions, resolving conflicts, and respecting others.
- Assisting students to become invested in their school success by showing them how school performance relates to career opportunities.
- Working collaboratively with students, parents, and teachers to identify and remove barriers that may impede student achievement.

Merritt Jr. High School's Counselor will provide individual, classroom guidance, and group

counseling in the following areas:

- ◆ Character development
- ◆ Career Exploration
- ◆ Bullying
- ◆ ACT (American College Test)
- ◆ Others based on student needs



Office Hours:

7:30-12:00 noon; 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Lunch– 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Parents and guardians are welcome !



Mission Statement:

Sunflower County School District's counselors will provide support to and be advocates for students in order to facilitate each student's academic, social and personal development.

Vision

All Sunflower County Consolidated School District Counselors will provide opportunities and exposure to ensure that students are successfully graduating college and career ready

Values:

SSCSD counselors will demonstrate the following values: (a) Belief that all students can learn (b) Be advocates for students