

### ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE SERVICES

The goal of elementary guidance counselors is to work with students, parents, school personnel, and community agencies to provide an environment that will foster maximum intellectual and emotional growth for each student.

A system of several coordinated services exists within the general framework of the Elementary Guidance Services:

1. Consultant Services: Guidance counselors shall be available to consult with students, parents, and teachers in the process of diagnosing student needs and exploring viable options for addressing those needs.
2. Counseling Services: Counselors' attention shall be focused on the educational, vocational, physical, social, and adjustment needs of students. Counseling sessions may be one-to-one, small group, or whole class.
3. Referrals: Individual students believed to be in need of special help shall be referred to the building counselor. Referrals may originate with school personnel, parents, or the student.
4. Staffing: The building counselor shall be a member of the building staffing team.
5. Pre-School Screening: The counselor shall be involved in the interpretation of test performance and in readiness/grade I placement recommendations for students entering their first year of school.
6. Enrichment Program: The counselor along with the enrichment coordinator will be involved in the assessment, functioning, and programming of students.