

Aiken County Public School District School Counseling Team

School counselors hold a minimum of a Master's degree in counseling.

Elementary: 750 students to 1 counselor

Middle: 300 students to 1 counselor/career specialist

High: 300 students to 1 counselor/career specialist

School counseling services are organized into three domains:

- Academic Development
- Career Development
- Social/Emotional Development

Social and Emotional Support for Students

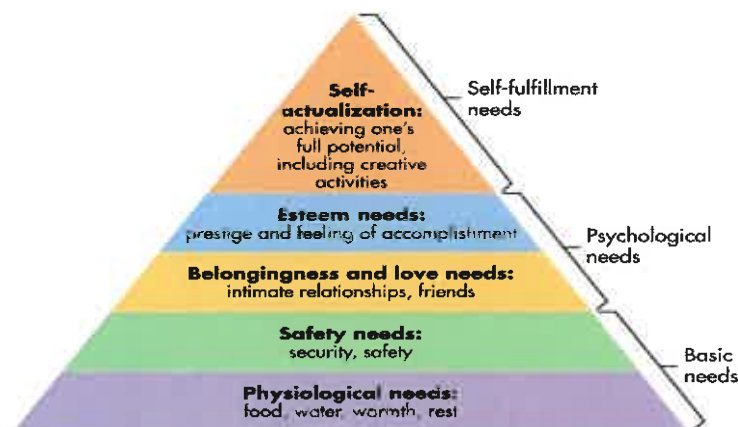
School counselors provide:

- Individual counseling
- Small group counseling
- Classroom guidance lessons
- Crisis/Grief support
- Consultation



Referrals for counseling services are made by students, teachers, parents, and administrators.

Addressing Mental Health Needs during COVID-19



Community Partnerships

Golden Harvest Food Bank "Backpack" Program
Winter coat drive
Angel tree sponsorships
Aiken Standard Community Christmas Card
School clothing closets
Laces 4 Love
United Way agencies
And Many More!



Social and Emotional Support for Students

Expansion of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum

- Move This World
- Second Step

Developing a school-wide common language

Common language is integrated and expanded within counseling sessions

- Face-to-face
- Virtual options

Additional Social and Emotional Support Resources

Special Programs Counselors

- Individual, group, and classroom support for students with disabilities
- Provide crisis response counseling and support

Aiken Barnwell Mental Health Partnership

- We current have 6 mental health therapists in 11 schools
- We plan to expand to 16 therapists

Overflow Foundation: Mental Health Training

Training for school and district staff on the signs and symptoms of depression, anxiety, and substance abuse.



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