

## WHO ARE SCHOOL COUNSELORS?

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### SUPPORT AT ALL LEVELS

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### THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR



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**School counselors help all students:**

- apply academic achievement strategies
- manage emotions and apply interpersonal skills
- plan for postsecondary options (higher education, military, workforce)



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- individual student academic planning and goal setting
- short-term counseling to students (individual and small group)
- referrals for long-term support
- collaboration with families/teachers/administrators/community for student success
- advocacy for students
- data analysis to identify student issues, needs, and challenges



### SCHOOL COUNSELOR QUALIFICATIONS

- Hold, at minimum, a master's degree in school counseling
- Meet the state certification/licensure standards
- Fulfill continuing education requirements
- Uphold ASCA ethical and professional standards



### Why Middle School Counselors?

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#### MISSION

The mission of school counseling in the Catalina Foothills School District is to provide a comprehensive and responsive program that addresses the academic, career, and social/emotional development of all students enabling them to become responsible, productive citizens and lifelong learners who thrive in a diverse and changing world.

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