

## What does a counselor do?

- ✚ A counselor helps students when they have schedule questions, problems or changes.
- ✚ A counselor helps students to work out problems with school, with friends, and with personal matters.
- ✚ A counselor makes classroom presentations about things like bullying, staying healthy and making good choices
- ✚ A counselor works with students to help them to get organized so that they can get better grades and be the best that they can be!
- ✚ A counselor is someone you can talk to!

## Counseling Department Mission Statement

To help students succeed academically, socially and personally so that they are life-long learners and responsible members of society, while teaching respect and equality of each individual in a safe and supportive environment.

## Baker MS Counseling

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## Baker Middle School

## Counseling Program Information Brochure



**Learners Today...  
Leaders Tomorrow!**

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## *Counselors help students succeed by:*

### *About the Program*

Baker Middle School's Counseling Program is a comprehensive one that is designed to meet the developmental needs of all of our middle school students. Its purpose is to assist students in becoming successful, productive, and responsible citizens.







Our program is designed to enhance students' academic achievement, personal/social development, and career awareness. It is delivered through individual counseling, small group counseling, large group guidance, consultation, and coordination.

### **Counselor Appointments**

We always encourage students to come to talk to their counselor about any issue(s) that may be affecting them personally, socially or academically. Students can request to see their counselor by signing up in the counseling office before or after lunch and school. We make every attempt to see students within 24 - 48 hours of their initial requests.

Baker Middle School counselors are certified professionals, hold a Masters Degree in School Counseling & meet certification requirements defined by the State Department of Education.

### *Counselors help students succeed 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.

### *Confidentiality and Emergency Numbers*

*Confidentiality means that the privacy of information that you share with your counselor belongs to you. You may share information with others as you wish, but we understand that you have a right to privacy. We will guard that privacy as much as is permitted by the law, ethics, and school rules.*

*You should know that there are exceptions where we are obligated to break confidentiality. These include times where there is potential risk of harm to or by an individual, and state laws that mandate reporting of child abuse.*

### *Emergency Numbers*

Youth Crisis Center- 24 hour phone line: 301-738-9697  
(Supportive listening)

Hotline- 24 hour phone: 301-738-2255

Crisis Center- 24 hour phone: 240-777-4000; 24 hour walk-in services: 1301 Piccard Drive, Rockville

Police and Rescue: 911

Child Welfare Services-24hour phone: 240-777-4417

Operation Runaway- 24 hour phone: 1-800-204-8600