

Vision Statement

As professional school counselors at Walt Whitman High School, we are dedicated to empowering every student to achieve academic success, personal and social growth, wellness and career exploration.

What is the Role of the Whitman Counselors?

School Counselors support the developmental and academic needs of students. Counselors collaborate with school staff, administration and the parent community to ensure the integration and alignment of the school counseling program with the mission of the school. School counselors deliver prevention and intervention services that support the academic, career, personal, interpersonal and healthy development of all students. Prevention and intervention services include academic advocacy, classroom/group guidance lessons, individual student planning, staff and parent consultation, school program support and crisis response.

Mission Statement

Walt Whitman High School Counseling Services is staffed by professional school counselors who advocate, collaborate and facilitate individual and system change to ensure every student has the knowledge and skills necessary for academic success and personal growth. School counselors strive to empower students to embrace their full potential and to achieve their personal and academic aspirations.

Whitman Counseling Program Beliefs

- All students can develop the skills necessary for academic success, personal growth, positive interpersonal relationships, career development and healthy choices.
- All students have a right to equitable treatment and access to opportunities and supports.
- School counseling is integral to a school system's efforts to enhance educational attainment for all students.
- School counselors must work to design and implement programs that contribute to student success.

What do Whitman Counselors do?

Counselors meet with students in large groups, small groups and individually to implement the counseling program by providing:

- Academic planning
- Organizational, study and test-taking skills
- Academic support interventions
- Transition planning
- Post-secondary planning and the college application process
- Career planning
- Education in understanding self and others
- Coping strategies
- Peer relationships and effective social skills
- Communication, problem-solving, decision-making, and conflict resolution
- Substance abuse education
- Multicultural/diversity awareness
- Crisis Intervention

Counselors collaborate and consult with parents to address:

- Academic planning and support
- Post-secondary planning
- School-to-parent communications/concerns
- Referral process

How do students make an appointment to see their counselor?

Every week, counselors display their weekly schedule in the front of the Counseling Office. Students can sign up for any open appointment time. Once a student chooses an appointment time, he/she then completes a Counseling Appointment Slip with the date and time, which is signed by the School Counseling Secretary. When it is time for the appointment, the student shows the teacher the appointment slip, and then he/she reports to the Counseling Office at the designated time.

How do parents make an appointment to see their child's counselor?

Parents can call Ms. Bobrow, the School Counseling Secretary, to schedule an appointment with their child's counselor. Appointments with counselors are available throughout the school day and after school. If you are requesting to meet with the counselor and a teacher, please contact Ms. Bobrow at 301-320-6590 so that she can coordinate everyone's schedules.

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