

SSIMS Counseling Department

Counselor	Grade	Alpha
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Mr. Solomon	6	S-Z
Ms. Dapena	7	A-R
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How Students Access Their Counselor

- Self-referral
- Request of a counselor
- Parent referral
- Administrative referral
- Teacher or other staff referral
- Referral by a friend
- Email
- Phone call

School Counselor Professional Training

MCPS school counselors have a master's degree or higher in school counseling and are certified by the State of Maryland

For more information
contact the
Silver Spring International
Middle School
Counseling Office
240-740-2760

RESOURCES

Bullying/Cyberbullying:

- www.stopbullying.gov/
- www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/cybersafety/

High School Choice:

- www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/schoolchoice/

Mental Health:

- www.nami.org/
- <http://ftp.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/suicide/>



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School Counseling at Silver Spring International Middle School



Why School Counselors?

School counselors collaborate with students, parents, and school staff to promote students' academic success, personal and social development, and career exploration. The school counselors at SSIMS are committed to equitably addressing the needs of our diverse school population and advocating for educational excellence for all students.

The Role of the School Counselor

School counselors are critical partners in the delivery of a high quality education for all students.

School counselors:

- Implement a comprehensive, developmentally appropriate counseling program for all students, including classroom lessons and group and individual counseling
- Address concerns that affect student success in the school setting
- Advocate for the removal of academic barriers
- Design interventions to enhance student success
- Guide students and their parents on academic issues
- Support the student and school community during crises
- Assist students in learning how school performance relates to future opportunities
- Support students in their transition from one school level to another
- Coordinate referrals to outside agencies
- Serve on school leadership teams

The SSIMS Counseling Department Program for the 2018-2019 year includes:

- Personal body safety lessons
- Naviance Career Exploration classroom lessons
- Counseling Groups
- Student Ambassadors
- Career Day
- Restorative Justice
- SOS: Signs of Suicide

Together with community partners:

- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- Truancy Prevention Program
- Go2College
- Community Bridges

