

As we wrap-up our celebration of National School Counseling Week, we'd like to highlight some of the very important work that our counselors provide for our students all year long.



In today's educational environment, school counselors provide the foundational support students need to grow and flourish. Counselors are ever present to provide the day to day and long term social/emotional support students need to excel. They are there to talk with students, guide them through difficult decisions, work through conflicts, mediate tensions among peers, explain the advantages of specific course selections, answer questions about educational options and steer students toward positive choices that will benefit them in the long run.

The expectations for school counselors have never been higher and the net result of their work has never been more important. School Counselors provide a crucial service to our students and are instrumental in the success of our schools. Often overlooked, and even more often misunderstood, the role of the School Counselor today is ever evolving to meet the changing demands of our students, our society, and our educational community.

Counselors today are asked to be so much more than traditional "Guidance Counselors". They are asked to provide academic advice and mentoring. They are asked to provide social/emotional support and connect students with appropriate counseling. They are expected to be the liaison between families and the school personnel. They are asked to provide in-depth college and career guidance as well as facilitate the "next steps" for students as they venture into the world after high school. Counselors are expected to be knowledgeable and proficient at connecting theory with practice. Most of all, our counselors today are expected to forge positive relationships with students to help propel them through their educational journey.

Please help us wrap up our celebration of School Counseling Week by giving a personal "Thank You" to the Counselors of the Elmira City School District for all they do to help our students succeed.