



WELCOME TO

LAKE FOREST HILLS SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM

Vision:

Work collaboratively with students, parents, administrators, and other school professionals to facilitate all students' academic, emotional, and social growth.

Identify and assist with removing barriers that may impede student achievement.

A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES



ELEMENTARY COUNSELORS HELP...

Children develop a better understanding and acceptance of their self identity

Children develop social and emotional skills as they interact with classmates and adults

Children express feelings and thoughts and assist with understanding how these affect behavior and choices

Teachers, staff, and administrators see the whole child and meet his/her intellectual, social and emotional needs

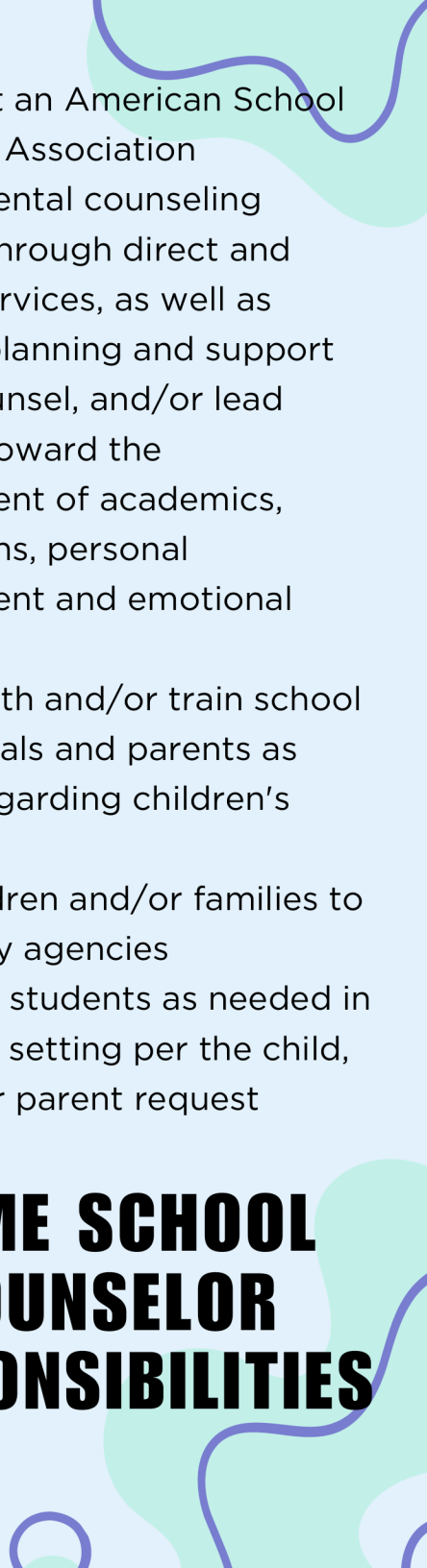
Teachers, staff, and administrators support individual students with grit, social awareness, self-management, self-efficacy, and emotional regulation.

The school counselor also helps parents assist with any of the following needs:

- Communicating well with their child
- Navigating friendships and school issues
- Supporting a growth mindset outlook
- Dealing with family changes and/or grief
- Focusing on positive traits of their child
- Being realistic with expectations
- Developing appropriate routines, sleep, and responsibilities
- Knowing when a child's problem requires professional services outside of school
- Understanding IB and Panorama language as well as social skills being assessed, and test scores

- Implement an American School Counselor Association developmental counseling program through direct and indirect services, as well as program planning and support
- Teach, counsel, and/or lead students toward the development of academics, career plans, personal development and emotional growth
- Consult with and/or train school professionals and parents as needed regarding children's issues
- Refer children and/or families to community agencies
- Work with students as needed in the school setting per the child, teacher, or parent request

SOME SCHOOL COUNSELOR RESPONSIBILITIES



MEET THE COUNSELOR

Mrs. Shari Hooper is a professional school counselor. She worked as a certified teacher from 1991-1998 and earned her master's degree in School Counseling from Augusta State University in 1995. She has been a part time or full time school counselor since 1998. She has worked at three elementary schools in North Augusta, SC and retired from Aiken County, SC with 28 years of service in April 2022. She became the Lake Forest Counselor in May 2022.

Hooper is professionally active in the national and state school counseling professional organizations. She recently joined the GA School Counselor Association. She has been the counselor coordinator over 25 other elementary counselors in Aiken County. She also won the State of SC School Counselor of the Year in 2022-2023. She was recognized with other state delegates in February 2023 in Washington DC at Union Station and again at the ASCA National Conference in Atlanta in July 2023.

REACHING THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR



STUDENTS

may reach the counselor in the following ways:

1. speak to counselor and request a meeting
2. complete an "I Need Help" form
3. email a note



TEACHERS

may reach the counselor for student needs in the following ways:

1. speak to counselor and request student meeting
2. email the counselor and request assistance
3. request a mediation session between 2 or more students
4. schedule a time to consult about students or issues.

PARENTS MAY REACH THE COUNSELOR

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