

Professional Disclosure Statement

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The counseling program at Yarbrough Elementary School is created to benefit your child in making the most of his or her educational career. As a counselor I will focus on your child's development in the domains of emotional- social and academic well-being.

I, Kelly Walsh, have a Master's degree from Auburn University and an Education Specialist from the University of West Alabama. The programs that I have graduated from are accredited by the American Counseling Association Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Program (CACREP); this association is known nationally for the accreditation of counseling graduate programs. I am a licensed professional counselor in the state of Alabama as well as a national certified school counselor. Prior to my role as a counselor at Yarbrough elementary school, I held the following positions: health and physical education teacher for twelve years, physical therapist assistant for seven years and an exercise specialist for two years. I am also a current member of the Alabama School Counselor Association.

Who can see the counselor?

1. Any student at Yarbrough Elementary School
2. Any family member of a student

Our school-counseling program specifically offers the following activities:

1. Guidance lessons related to personal growth and development
2. Academic advisement with students and parents

Students can see the counselor about issues such as:

1. Questions about classes, careers, clubs, and activities
2. To seek help with relationships and personal problems
3. To seek assistance with goal setting, academics, and study skills

Methods of delivery:

1. Individual counseling
2. Small Group counseling
3. Consultations with parents or teachers
4. Guidance Lessons

Reasons I would contact parents:

1. To get assistance for academic success
2. To discuss gifted or remedial classes
3. To discuss matters of safety concerns

Unavailable Services:

1. Testimonies in child custody matters
2. Long term – counseling sessions

Benefits of counseling:

1. Increased understanding of self and relationships
2. Increased academic success
3. Direction of goals for the future

Your child will be active in an ongoing counseling program at Yarbrough Elementary School. If you have any questions concerning our program please do not hesitate to call me at 887-1973 or email me at klwalsh@auburnschools.org. I am looking forward to working with you and your child to make this a successful experience for all involved.