



Webb Elementary School is an Indiana Gold Star School Counseling Award winner from the Indiana Department of Education. This award recognizes Webb's school counseling program as an excellent, data-driven, comprehensive program based on state standards and the ASCA National Model.

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of Webb Elementary School's Counseling Program is to maximize every student's social, educational and career development potential to assist them in becoming responsible citizens and lifelong learners.

### **What is a School Counselor?**

School counselors are professional educators trained in school counseling, just as other educators are trained in math, science, or English. School counselors are not therapists, but can provide crisis or short-term, goal-based counseling for students whose needs are interfering with their learning. Mrs. Clendening's goal is to maintain a comprehensive school counseling program designed to meet the needs of ALL students.

### Counseling Services

#### **Individual Counseling**

Assistance provided to some students who may need help to overcome social and/or personal problems that interfere with learning.

#### **Group Counseling**

Support groups for students who share a common concern. Parents are notified when their child expresses an interest in participating in a group.

**Classroom Guidance**

Monthly guidance lessons teach developmentally appropriate skills that help students become more successful learners and adults. Franklin Community Schools uses the Second Step SEL program, and additional lessons on a variety of subjects are taught as needed.

**Student Advocacy**

Tasks to create an environment that encourages high achievement for all students.

**Collaboration**

Activities to connect parents and families with resources in the community and consultation with parents and other staff to help meet the needs of students at home and in the classroom.

**How can a student see the counselor?**

Student self-referral

Staff referral

Parent referral

**Confidentiality**

The rules of confidentiality for counselors are different from those of teachers. Confidentiality is important to maintain a trusting relationship with students. Students are told that what they tell Mrs. Clendening is private unless someone is in danger. Only then will Mrs. Clendening tell someone, to make sure they are safe and healthy. Information is not disclosed to other staff members, parents, or students unless permission is granted. If a student discloses information deemed crucial to a child's safety or well-being, the student is informed that his/her parents must be notified.

If you ever have questions or concerns for the counselor, please reach out. School counselors are here for your child and for you!

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Some programs offered each year (some are not an option during COVID)

#### Group Counseling Programs

- Divorce: 'Banana Splits'
- Worry: "Stress Busters"
- Grief: "Inside Out" and "Photography"
- Changes: "Camp Care-A-Lot"
- Social Skills: Boys' or Girls' "Friendship" or "Lunch Bunch" groups
- Impulse Control: "Personal Space Camp"
- Study skills/Organization: "Student Success Skills"

#### Classroom Guidance Topics

- Skills for Learning
- Empathy/Feelings
- Bullying
- Managing Strong Emotions
- Personal Safety
- Conflict Management/Problem-solving

... and more as needed