

## **Estacada Junior High School Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program**

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### Mission Statement

The mission of the Estacada Junior High School counseling program is to provide a comprehensive, developmental counseling program for the academic and personal/social development of all students, in partnership with other educators, parents or guardians, and the community. We believe that students need to be encouraged to take risks, build relationships, foster respect, and take responsibility while they are in this time of transition. We will promote the integration of knowledge, skills, attitudes, and character evident in great thinkers and thoughtful people. Our goal is to help our students develop emotionally and socially to grow into responsible citizens and meaningful contributors to society.

To implement the comprehensive school counseling and guidance program at Estacada Junior High School, the counselors are committed to the following.

#### *The counseling staff believes:*

- All students have dignity and worth
- No student should be discriminated against by race color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, age or disability
- Every child can learn and succeed at school
- All students' special and individual needs must be considered in planning and implementing the school counseling program
- Every student has a right to support from the school counseling program that is unique and reflective of that student

#### *The school counseling program should:*

- Be preventative in nature and responsive to the unique needs of the school community
- Address the needs, assets, and potential of all children to grow as people and learners and to contribute to the community
- Be based on the developmental needs of our students
- Address the national standards and competencies outlined by the American School Counselor Association
- Be planned and coordinated by school counseling teams in collaboration with other schools, parents or guardians, and community members
- Consult with community resources to deliver programs, services, and assistance
- Be data-driven to identify needs of the school and monitor results of programs implemented based on those findings

#### *And the counseling staff will:*

- Abides by the professional school counseling ethics as advocated by the American School Counselor Association
- Are advocates for all students