

# Hidden Lakes Elementary Counseling Belief Statement

To implement the school counseling program at Hidden Lakes Elementary School, the counselors are committed to the following:

- All students have dignity and worth and have the right to be served by the school counseling program.
- School counseling program activities shall be planned and coordinated by the counseling staff.
- The school counseling program shall be managed by state-certified counselors.
- All students:
  1. should have access to a school counselor to discuss personal concerns
  2. should have the opportunity to make choices within the constraints of the educational system
  3. have the right to assistance in identifying their needs in the personal/social domain
  4. have the right to assistance in identifying their needs in the personal/social domain of the ASCA national model
- The student and parent(s) are responsible for monitoring the student's educational progress with the assistance of a professional school counselor
- An ongoing program of counselor competency training/retraining is necessary to maintain a quality school counseling program
- The professional mandates and guidelines proposed by the national and state school counselor association shall continue to set standards for the school counseling program.