

Johns Creek High Counseling and Guidance Department

VISION:

Johns Creek Guidance Department will challenge and encourage all students to live healthy lives, characterized by high levels of integrity, service, and excellence by example.

MISSION:

Guide. Inform. Support. Ensure that each Johns Creek student finds a pathway to success.

OVERVIEW:

Guidance and Counseling is a comprehensive and integral part of students' educational process. It is designed to help students with their educational, career and social development.

The Guidance Department at Johns Creek High School provides guidance and counseling services to all students from the time they enter high school until graduation. Guidance is a service function, which includes a series of planned and informal activities designed to assist students to understand themselves better, to cope with the normal problems associated with growing up, and to become contributing citizens. The goal of our program is to meet the individual needs of each student and help each student achieve a successful high school experience.

Guidance and counseling is more than a program of activities. It is also a relationship that exists between a student and a guidance counselor, the one adult at the school who will play a continued and key role during the duration of the student's high school life. From grades nine through twelve, the guidance counselor advises and counsels each student about the selection of courses, relationships with teachers and other significant adults, relationships with peers, extra-curricular involvement, post-high school planning, coping with pressures, tensions and the day-to-day problems of growing up in a complex, multi-faceted society.

What We Will Provide...

(A 3-year plan)

ACADEMIC SERVICES

- Evening and classroom presentations re: graduation and college requirements
- Meetings with students and parents re: high school four-year plan, college and post-high school options, scheduling of appropriate classes for graduation and college and credit evaluations
- College entrance examination information
- PSAT and AP examination administration
- PSAT Interpretation
- Monitor progress reports every six weeks
- Parent/teacher/student conferences
- Evaluation and posting of international and new-to-district transcripts
- Interventions with academically and socially at-risk students
- Provide information about tutoring and test preparation service
- Alternative education program referrals
- Eighth grade articulation program coordination
- Georgia High School Graduation Test support and preparation materials
- Parent workshops: Parent University, and Brown Bag Lunch Topics
- Membership with College Board

PERSONAL/SOCIAL SERVICES

- Personal support for students via individual counseling or group counseling
- Suicide prevention, education and screening
- Crisis prevention, intervention and support
- JC Buddies: support program for New-to-District students
- Peer mediations/conflict resolutions
- Parent/teacher/student conferences
- Classroom presentations regarding personal/social issues
- "Transition to High School" workshop for middle school parents
- Choices program: drug education and counseling
- Educational assemblies promoting healthy life styles
- Referrals to outside resources, such as tutors and therapists
- Mandated reporting of child abuse/neglect
- 8th grade classroom visits on transitioning and counseling support

COLLEGE AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- Individual counseling re: post-high school options
- Senior College Night
- College application and essay writing workshops
- College Representatives visits
- College Fair- Northview High School and Gwinnett Convention Center
- NCAA eligibility information
- Junior Admissions Testing Night
- Junior College Night
- Sophomore Groups – Career & College Exploration
- "Preview to College" Night for Freshmen and Sophomore Students and Parents
- Monthly Scholarship Bulletin; Quarterly Junior Bulletin
- Financial Aid Workshop with a Financial Aid Professional
- Classroom presentations re: financial aid and career options
- National and regional conference attendance National Association of College Admission Counselors, Southern Association of College Admission Counselors
- Career exploration resources
- Kaplan and Princeton Review Test Prep Courses (After school)
- Career inventory assessment surveys
- College and university visits and tours around the country
- College admissions representative networking
- Creation of Senior Survey and Maintain School Profile
- Internship information
- Military information
- Community & volunteer services
- Individual Job Shadow