



WTPS District School Counseling Department Informed Consent Form



Introduction

WTPS is committed in providing comprehensive school counseling to all students. To achieve this goal, students will work with the [School Counselor](#) and/or [Student Assistance Coordinator \(SAC\)](#) to ensure academic, career, and social/emotional skills that serve as the foundation for future success.

Confidentiality

In order to build rapport and trust with your child, the School Counselor and SAC will keep information confidential to the extent required by law unless there is a duty to warn (i.e., self-harm, suicidal ideation). We are committed to family engagement as part of this process and realize you are a vital component of student success.

Tele-School Counseling & SAC Services

School Counselor and SAC may deliver services via email, telephone or videoconference to provide individual sessions, group sessions, class lessons, crisis response, and referral. Please allow a safe and quiet home environment for these services, as necessary.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Survey

School Counselors will assess SEL benchmarks periodically to determine student needs. [New Jersey Department of Education SEL](#) includes the following five competencies that we have incorporated into our [Building Better People initiative](#): Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Building Relationships, Responsible Decision-Making, Social Awareness.

Note: This does not measure mental health. It will assess social emotional competencies that are tied to success in school and beyond.

- I give permission for my child to take the SEL Survey.
- I choose to decline for my child to take the SEL Survey.

Group Counseling Sessions

School Counselors and SACs may offer additional support and run short-term (6-8 weeks) small group sessions on appropriate topics for student needs.

- I give permission for my child to participate in short-term small group counseling sessions.
- I choose to decline for my child to participate in short-term small group counseling sessions.

School Climate and Culture Survey

Students may be asked to participate in an annual survey to determine the needs of students in the school buildings. It is important to gather information about our school communities to improve our educational services for all students.

- I give permission for my child to participate in the annual school climate and culture survey.
- I choose to decline for my child to participate in the annual school climate and culture survey.

Contact Information and Hours for School Counselors and SACs

- Grenloch Terrace Early Childhood Center > School Info > [Counseling](#)
- Bells Elementary School > School Info > [Counseling](#)
- Birches Elementary School > School Info > [Counseling](#)
- Hurffville Elementary School > School Info > [Counseling](#)
- Thomas Jefferson Elementary School > School Info > [Counseling](#)
- Wedgwood Elementary School > School Info > [Counseling](#)
- Whitman Elementary School > School Info > [Counseling](#)
- Bunker Hill Middle School > Departments > [Counseling](#)
- Chestnut Ridge Middle School > Departments > [Counseling](#)
- Orchard Valley Middle School > Departments > [Counseling](#)
- Washington Township High School > Departments > [Counseling](#)

