

JULY 2022

gp + COUNSELING CORNER



WHAT DOES A SCHOOL COUNSELOR DO?

CORE CURRICULUM

- Evaluate school and student data and outcomes
- Develop core curriculum to address desired student competencies
- Deliver curriculum systematically through classroom lessons in cooperation with classroom teachers

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PLANNING

- Help students evaluate their own interests, abilities, and skills
- Help students develop personal goals
- Help students create plans for their futures

RESPONSIVE SERVICES

- Individual counseling
- Small group counseling
- Crisis response services

INDIRECT SERVICES

- Make referrals for outside counseling or assistance
- Consult with parents and teachers to share effective strategies that support students
- Collaborate with parents, professionals, and community members to support student success

AND SO MUCH MORE!

Meet our Counselors

Ms. Michelle Gates

Elementary/Middle School Counselor

Ms. Gates just completed her first year as school counselor at Griggsville-Perry! She interned with Ms. Dokey in 2020 and we are so happy to have her back! Ms. Gates graduated from Illinois State University with a Bachelor of Education and taught for 20 years in Texas(3rd and 5th grades), Illinois (middle school math) and Missouri (high school math). She attended Creighton University in Omaha for graduate school and obtained her Master's in School Counseling and Preventive Mental Health in 2020. Her first year, Ms. Gates met with K-4 classes monthly, led small groups at the middle school, and met with all 5-8 students quarterly. She also initiated an after school study hall. In her free time, she enjoys line dancing, reading, hanging out with friends, and playing with her dogs, or ANY dogs for that matter!!!

Ms. Allison Dokey

High School Counselor

Ms. Dokey has been at Griggsville-Perry since 2015. She graduated from the University of Illinois at Springfield in 2012 with her Bachelors in Educational Psychology, and again in 2015 with her Masters in Human Development Counseling. Ms. Dokey's areas of interest include career/college exploration and development, trauma and crisis management, and school counseling leadership. Ms. Dokey is the Class of 2024 Class Sponsor and the National Honor Society Advisor. In addition, Ms. Dokey co-teaches L.I.F.E. class--a course focusing on teaching students real-world skills. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her daughter, Maelyn, watching The Office, attending concerts, and following the St. Louis Cardinals!

What is the role of a school counselor?

School counselors are certified/licensed educators who improve student success for ALL students by implementing a comprehensive school counseling program.

School counselors help all students:

- apply academic achievement strategies
- manage emotions and apply interpersonal skills
- plan for postsecondary options (higher education, military, work force)

2021-2022 High School Counseling Outstanding Character Award Winners



L to R: Mason Bolton, Ethan Broyles, Jakson Freeman, Logan Hobson, Kale Liehr, Peyton Syrcle, Claire Tate, Landon Waid
for always demonstrating kindness, dependability, positive attitude, trustworthiness, and respectfulness.