

GILBERT INTERMEDIATE

*“Where Good
things happen”*



I am excited about the upcoming school year here at Gilbert Intermediate, and know that together we can make “Good Things Happen at Gilbert”

*School Counselors Make a
World of Difference*



*Sherry Rasmuson
Your School Counselor*

Referral to the School Counselor

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Today's Date: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please briefly describe your concern: _____

I would like: (check all that apply) a phone call meeting in person counselor to meet with student school counselor to share/receive information from a professional counselor/therapist/doctor (requires a signed release)

(Please Return to Mrs. Rasmuson via the Counselor mailbox in the main office)

School Counselor:

Sherry Rasmuson

Phone:

(254)968-4664

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(254) 968—8696

Email:

sherry.rasmuson@s ville.us

What Services are Offered?

As part of a balanced approach to school counseling, the program is aligned with the TSCA model. Many services are available to reach 100% of students.

- All students receive age appropriate instruction in the classroom related to the topics of academic, career, and social/emotional development.
- As needed, groups of children with similar needs are supported through specialized group counseling.
- The school counselor consults with parents, school staff, and students for individual student planning interventions, problem assessment, referral to appropriate professionals, and special programs planning.
- The school counselor works in developing partnerships with community agencies and resources.
- Information on resources, such as private counseling, community resources, and volunteer groups can be provided by simply calling me, or sending me the attached resource request form.

How do I connect with the school counselor?

Students—Tell a parent or teacher you would like to talk to the counselor or fill out a, “Please Help” counselor’s form and put it in the counselor’s box in the front office.

Parents—Email, call, or send a note to school in an envelope marked with my name OR fill out the contact form on this brochure. If it is an urgent matter, let the school office staff know and someone will relay the message to me promptly. I am also available to meet in person at school. If possible, please call to schedule a meeting time, so that I can make myself available.

Community Partners—Part of being an effective school counselor means working to bridge the gap between school, community agencies and medical or mental health professionals. It is often helpful to gain further insight from outside professionals, which we can then apply at school. In order to discuss an individual student with other agencies or share information, written consent from a parent or guardian is necessary. Release forms are available from the school counselor.

How does the school counselor work with students?

- The goal of my work with students is to assist them in achieving optimum success in school and life.
- The work that I do with students (group or individuals) can be described as solution-focused with an emphasis on academic improvement, development of healthy interpersonal relationships, as well as learning to set obtainable goals. School counselors do not provide long term counseling to students. If it becomes apparent that a student needs more support than can be provided, a referral will be recommended for outside services to parents or guardians for their consideration.
- Younger students tend not to respond as well to “talk counseling”. For this reason, games, stories, art, technology, and other activities may be used to help students work through barriers to learning.
- It is important for students to trust the school counselor. For this reason, confidentiality is respected. General information may be provided to parents without betraying the student’s trust. In any situation in which the safety of a child is threatened, such as threats to harm self or others, parents or guardians will be notified immediately. I respect the student by letting them know it is necessary for parents to know.



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Resource Request Form

- **Outside Counseling** _____
- **Volunteer Groups** _____
- **Community Resources** _____

Name _____ **Date** _____

Phone # _____ **or Email** _____