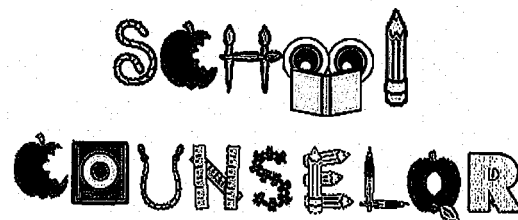


Joseph Kerr Middle School Counseling Department

Children ~ Our Focus and Our Future



2020-2021 Counseling Caseload Assignments

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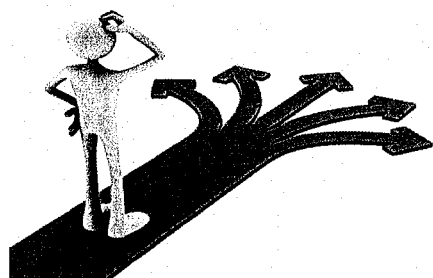
Mission Statement

The mission of Joseph Kerr Middle School's Counseling and Guidance program is to provide all students with an environment that is emotionally and physically safe. That each student is actively engaged in learning and connected to school, while being supported by caring adults. That each student is challenged academically to realize their greatest potential.

In order to fulfill this mission, the counselors at Joseph Kerr provide :

- ◆ Academic Counseling
- ◆ Course Registration
- ◆ Classroom Presentations
- ◆ Achievement Monitoring
- ◆ Confidential Individual Counseling
- ◆ Confidential Family Support
- ◆ College/Career Guidance
- ◆ Program Administration

**Counselors are here to support students,
parents, teachers, and administrators.**



Counseling and Guidance Calendar

August

7th Grade Jump Start
7th/8th Grade Californiacolleges.com Registration

October

Report Card/Credit Review
7th/8th Grade Californiacolleges.com Registration

November

7th/8th Grade Californiacolleges.com Registration
PSAT

December

Report Card/Credit Review

January

Report Card/Credit Review
7th to 8th Grade Course Selection Assemblies
8th Grade to High School Course Selection
PSAT Results

February

6th Grade Orientation/Course Selection

March

Report Card/Credit Review

April

Report Card/Credit Review

May

Promotion/Retention Notifications
8th Grade Awards Night
8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

Homework System in Balance

STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

- Keep track of books and assignments
- Start on time and allow time to finish
- Do own work with only limited assistance
- Turn work in on time
- Accept responsibility for grades and other consequences

PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

- Establish a regular time for homework
- Establish a regular place for homework
- Provide necessary materials and supplies
- Provide limited instructional assistance
- Establish logical consequences for non-compliance and follow through

TEACHER'S RESPONSIBILITY

- Provide instruction
- Provide materials
- Provide deadlines
- Provide encouragement
- Provide feedback regarding work returned
- Provide parents with information on student's progress

Remember we are here to help!

If you have concerns regarding your student's academic progress, we recommend the following steps:

- 1) Speak with your student
- 2) Contact your student's teacher
- 3) Contact your student's counselor

If you would like to schedule a conference with your student's counselor please call the Joseph Kerr Counseling Department at (916) 686-7728.

*We look forward
to meeting you!*

Suggestions for Parents to Support Academic Success

- 1) Be sure your child attends school every day and makes up assignments due to absences.
- 2) Check your child's binder for homework assignments daily.
- 3) Provide a quiet space and time to complete homework.
- 4) Check your child's backpack periodically and assist in the organization of materials and binder.
- 5) Be sure your child has the necessary school supplies such as paper, pens and pencils.
- 6) Review the promotion/retention information with your child.
- 7) Have your child ask teachers for extra help if needed.
- 8) Call your child's counselor if you have concerns.
- 9) Continue to encourage and believe in your child's ability to succeed.

