



Rocky River City School District

K-12 Counseling Department Social Emotional Learning Activities

Counselors throughout the Rocky River City School District provide assistance and support for personal, social and emotional concerns.

- Counseling department welcome and introductions at the start of each school year for all students
- Introduction to parents/guardians at Open House and Orientation
- Provide tours for new students and their families
- Building to building transitional events
- Individual parent meetings
- Monthly Counselor's Corner update from each building via principal newsletter or website
- District-wide mental health protocol: Acknowledge, Care, Tell (A.C.T.)
- District-wide implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions Supports (PBIS): Respectful, Responsible, Caring, Safe (RRCS)

McKeon Education Group Family Liaison

The McKeon Education Group Family Liaison is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor who assists RRCS D counselors in providing mental health support to RRCS D students and community resource information to RRCS D families.

- 5 days per week at RRHS
- 5 days per week at RRMS
- 5 days per week between KIS and GPS

Start With Hello Week (September 19-23)

Start with Hello week is a district-wide initiative aligned with the Sandy Hook Promise to build socially inclusive learning environments for all students. This week-long event features information and activities to reduce loneliness and social isolation while promoting and maintaining a positive school climate. It encourages behaviors that make all students feel valued, respected and accepted.

- Goal is to build a culture of inclusivity and empathy
- Activities are listed on the district-wide flyer
- Information will be promoted through announcements and teacher classrooms
- Activities will aim to build empathy, healthy relationships, and social awareness (grades K-5)
- Activities will promote and teach empathy to empower students to end social isolation (Grades 6-12)

Red Ribbon Week (October 24-28)

RRCS D is proud to recognize Red Ribbon Week in its schools and educate youth about the dangers of drugs. This week-long event features activities to raise awareness and promote a drug-free environment.

- Activities are listed on the district-wide flyer
- Provide thematic activities promoting overall health and wellness
- Provide examples of positive choices that lead to healthy living
- 2022 Theme: Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free

The Great Kindness Challenge (January 24-27)

The Great Kindness Challenge is a district-wide initiative to promote kindness. During the challenge, students and staff pledge to perform as many acts of kindness as possible with activities planned at each school.

- Activities promote positive school climate and culture

RRCS D Say Something Week (March 13-17)

Sandy Hook Promise's Say Something program teaches middle and high school students to recognize the warning signs of someone at-risk of hurting themselves or others and how to say something to a trusted adult to get help.

Mental Health Awareness Week (May 8-12)

RRCS D's Mental Health Awareness Week highlights the importance of caring for every child's mental health and reinforces that positive mental health is essential to a child's healthy development.

Town Hall Meetings

RRCS D hosts Town Hall Meetings throughout the year for parents and guardians, students, staff, and the community. The meetings are organized by the District about topics that are often related to health, safety, social, and emotional needs.



Goldwood Primary School

Counseling Department Classroom Lessons

Goldwood counselor visits all K-2 classrooms monthly to talk about the following topics.

- Growth Mindset
- Mindfulness
- Resiliency
- Friendship
- PBIS: Respectful, Responsible, Caring, and Safe
- Interests/careers

Counselor Lunch/Recess Bunch

- Small group lunches with students

Counseling Resources

- Provide videos for daily announcements about the building's different themes
- Share information/research with staff, parents/guardians and students

Counseling Department Collaboration

- Liaison between families and Rocky River Assistance Program, Rocky River Recreation Department and Rocky River Police Department
- Co-teach with fitness teacher

Building Themes & Activities

- Used throughout the school year to promote kindness, respect and positive interpersonal interaction



Kensington Intermediate School

Counseling Lessons

- 3rd grade lessons
 - Classroom Climate: Getting Along with Others
 - Problem Solving & Decision Making for Pirates
 - Personal Safety
 - Study Skills, Growth Mindset, and Self-Awareness of Personal Interests
- 4th grade lessons
 - Classmates as Teammates
 - Treating Others with Respect
 - Responsible Decision Making: Growth Mindset & Persistence
 - Academics, Interests, Abilities and Strong Feelings
- 5th grade lessons
 - Strong Feelings: Anger & Conflict
 - Your Brain and Learning Styles
 - Positive Youth Development and Safety
 - Interests, Abilities and Moving to RRMS

Counselor Lunch/Recess Bunch

- Small groups to enhance and encourage positive interpersonal interaction

Mindful Mondays

- Mindfulness exercises to facilitate positive transition to the school week
- Voluntary activity offered before school on Mondays (8:15-8:25am) to help ease the transition back to the school week

Building Themes & Activities

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Gold Slips

- Recognition for respectful, responsible, caring and safe behavior at KIS with school-wide announcements and prizes

Pirate Pride Award

- Recognition certificate, prize, announcement and group picture celebrating dedication to learning and positive interaction with others at school

Rocky River Middle School

Counseling Department Meet and Greets at Start of School Year:

- Support network mini-lesson & introduction/review of counseling staff and support provided to any student in need throughout the school day

NAVIANCE Lessons Through College and Career Readiness Classes

NAVIANCE is an online career and college research tool that is available to all Rocky River Middle and High School students and parents.

- Grade 6: Support Network, Self-Confidence, Defining My Dreams, My Present vs. Future, My Study Plan, Taking Responsibility, Using My Strengths, My Career Interests, Goal Setting
- Grade 7: Support Network, Listening to Myself, What Makes Me Unique?, Overcoming Obstacles, How I Learn, Habits for Success, Teamwork, Understanding My Interests
- Grade 8: Success, Risk and Failure, Working Through Stress, Re-Imagining Success, My Personal Support Network, Q&A Making the Transition to High School

Counseling Department Search Institute Asset Development Building-Wide Programming

- 40 developmental assets highlighted throughout the school year in 8 clusters (October-May)
- 4 internal asset clusters: commitment to learning, positive values, social competencies, and positive identity
- 4 external asset clusters: support, empowerment, boundaries and expectations, and constructive use of time

Action for Happiness

- Daily announcements, monthly themes and calendars shared with students, parents and staff and incorporated in various ways throughout the building (September - June)

“Kindness Matters” Service Projects

- Collaborate with RRMS clubs/groups to demonstrate school unity and support for kindness, gratitude and service
- 5 service projects promoted throughout the school year

Parent H.E.L.P. (How To Enjoy Living With Your Pre-Adolescent) Sessions

- Open to all parents and guardians in grades 6-8 (October, November, January, March, May)



Rocky River High School

Counseling Department

- Counseling department introduced at the beginning of the year at grade-level meetings
- Counselors meet with each student individually at least once per year
- New student luncheons to promote the social and extracurricular involvement (3x/year)
- Quarterly 8th grade CCR Tours of RRHS

9th grade

- PLC: Social Media Safety - September
- LifeAct: Recognizing Teen Depression and Preventing Suicide – October/November
- Freshmen Mentoring Program Mini-Lessons – 1st semester
 - School Procedures and Important People
 - Learning Styles
 - Time Management
 - Goal Setting
 - Homecoming 101
 - Getting Involved: Club/Activities visits to seminar
 - Comfort Zone/Getting Involved
 - Makerspace- What is it and when can we use it?
 - Etiquette/Manners
 - Public Speaking
 - Getting Your Driver's License and Distracted Driving
 - Health & Wellness: Stress Management/Mindfulness
 - Post High School Options
 - Building Healthy Relationships
 - How to get a Job
 - Dress for Success
 - Giving Back/Service
 - Making Good Choices - Social Media, Drinking, Drugs, Peer Pressure, Team Building
 - Communication
 - GPA
 - Scheduling for 10th grade
 - Study skills
 - Organization
 - PSAT and test taking strategies

10th grade

- PLC: Teen Dating Violence Program – February

11th grade

- PLC: Distracted Driving - March