



MISSION:

The mission of the Derry Cooperative School District School Counseling Program:

Our mission is to provide a Comprehensive Guidance Program to all students that will:

- Enable readiness and motivation to learn
- Cultivate respect for self and others
- Promote academic, career, and social success

We strive to support students as they grow and develop to be effective and productive community members and lifelong learners.

PHILOSOPHY:

The School Counselors in the Derry Cooperative School District believe:

- The learning and success of ***all*** students is important. School counseling programs and services are provided and accessible to all students, regardless of learning ability, age, gender, or ethnicity.
- Students learn best when they feel good about themselves and their relationships with others. Developing positive relationships with students, their teachers and parents, and other staff is a critical part of enabling student success.
- Every student has potential to grow and strengthen academic, career, and social skills. Unique circumstances inside and outside of school may present challenges, but not barriers. School counselors play an important role in enabling students to overcome challenges in healthy and effective ways.
- School Counselors are key members of a student's educational team. Their input and knowledge is an important part of any plan to support and promote educational growth and success.
- School Counselors are influential in teaching students about decision making. Good problem solving and decision making skills are an integral part of School Counseling programs and services for all students.

The Derry Cooperative School District Comprehensive School Counseling Program Should:

- Be comprehensive and include preventative programs and services based on ASCA

(American School Counseling Association) standards in all domains (Academic, Career, and Personal/Social).

-Be planned, coordinated, and delivered by professional School Counselors who hold a current New Hampshire Guidance Counselor certification.

-Educate students on issues and topics that are relevant, current, and based on ASCA standards.

-Incorporate local community and state resources to deliver programs and services whenever possible.

-Be supported by goals and defined outcomes.

-Support students as they strive to always do their best and develop skills to become productive and responsible future citizens.