

DEAR FAMILY:

The Comstock Park Public Schools Counseling and Guidance Team has adopted the Michigan Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program. The aim of this program is to focus on the academic, social, and career needs of *all* students from pre-Kindergarten through grade 12. The emphasis is on a guidance curriculum relevant to issues affecting students at each level. We work through the process by providing classroom presentations, responsive services, individual planning, and system support. Please feel free to contact us. We are here to assist you with your student's needs.

*Comstock Park Public Schools
Guidance and Counseling Services Staff*

Reasons Parents Contact Counselors

- ◆ Family concerns
- ◆ Academic concerns
- ◆ Long term absenteeism
- ◆ Child/adolescent development concerns
- ◆ Substance abuse concerns
- ◆ Liaison with teachers
- ◆ Social/emotional difficulties with peers
- ◆ Social/emotional/behavioral problems affecting academic performance

A blend of experienced counselors, and counselors new to the field effectively provide academic, social, and crisis help to the students and parents of the Comstock Park community.

Elementary Counselors

Carla Allen-Hart.....254-5700
Greenridge, Stoney Creek

Stacy Kennelly.....254-5508
Pine Island

Middle School Counselor

Carolyn Bolthouse.....254-5112
Mill Creek

High School Counselors

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CP High School
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CP High School
Lisa Salisbury.....254-5402
North Kent High School

Character Counts - Monthly Themes

Character Counts is a program initiated by the counseling staff to improve character of all students.

September	Explanation of Character Focus on Manners
October	Respect
November	Responsibility
January	Trustworthiness
February	Caring
March	Fairness
April	Citizenship
May	Sharing our Learning Celebrating Good Character

Comstock Park Public Schools Guidance & Counseling Services



**School Counselors
are Partners in
Student
Achievement**

WHAT IS Comprehensive Guidance?

Counselors assist all students in acquiring and using life-long skills through the development of academic, career, and personal/social skills. Emphasis on developmental skill building begins when the student enters school and continues as they progress through the grades. School counseling programs help ensure equal opportunities for all students to participate.

Effective school counseling programs are a collaborative effort between the counselor, teachers, administration, family and the community.

The primary goal of the counselor is to maximize the school and social success of every student.

Elementary

Greenridge, Stoney Creek and Pine Island

Developing interpersonal skills and self control lay the groundwork for student success. Counselors assist by teaching listening, decision making and problem solving skills, social skills and cooperation.

- ◆ Classroom Guidance Lessons
- ◆ Individual Crisis Intervention
- ◆ Small Group Counseling
- ◆ Family Support
- ◆ Student Advocacy
- ◆ Screening Services
- ◆ Consulting with Parent re: Student Academic/Social/Emotional Needs
- ◆ Referral Services
- ◆ Teacher Consultation and Collaboration

Mill Creek Middle School

- ◆ Conduct guidance learning activities based in academic, career, and personal/social areas through classroom lessons, individual planning, and small-group activities
- ◆ Provide responsive services to students, both individually and in groups, to address middle school level topics such as self-concept development, peer relationships, family concerns, and social skills
- ◆ Work with teachers, staff, and parents regarding meeting the developmental needs of students at the middle school level

Comstock Park High School

Planning for the future is important for everyone. Here's what your student can do to prepare for their future:

- ◆ Familiarize yourself with high school graduation requirements and college admission requirements. Track credits closely your junior and senior year.
- ◆ Begin making plans for after high school—college visits, college athletic participation and military opportunities.
- ◆ Visit your counselor to learn about careers and colleges.
- ◆ Complete an Educational Development Plan (EDP) and continue to update each year of high school.
- ◆ Explore your career interests and aptitudes using Career Cruising.
- ◆ Plan to take elective courses that are related to your interests and visit some job sites.
- ◆ Consider classes offered at Kent Career Technical Center (KCTC) for juniors and seniors.
- ◆ Prepare for academic testing—MME, PLAN, SAT, and ACT. Retake as needed to qualify for scholarships, college admissions, etc.
- ◆ Begin looking into available scholarships your junior and senior year.

North Kent High School

- ◆ Provide direct counseling services to students individually and in support groups
- ◆ Provide education and support services to parents
- ◆ Provide consultation services to teachers
- ◆ Facilitate referrals to community support services
- ◆ Advise students on academic planning
- ◆ Provide career guidance to students
- ◆ Assist students in creating and updating an Educational Development Plan (EDP)
- ◆ Educate students on their post high school options
- ◆ Collaboratively track progress toward graduation requirement with students, teachers and parents