



“Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” –Margaret Mead

# I'm Mrs. Lash

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year. I'm the new school counselor! I am thrilled to be back in school and a part of this amazing district. I am excited about the year ahead and working alongside your family, and most importantly, your child!

First, I wanted to take a moment to tell you a little bit about myself. I taught Jr. High Social Studies at North Clay for six years and left teaching in 2012 to raise my children and serve as part-time children's minister in Altamont. For the past three years, I have been caring for my children and returned to Eastern Illinois University last summer to complete a master's degree in school and clinical counseling. I will graduate in the spring of 2019.

I have one great husband, three amazing children (ages 7, 6, and 4), two pigs, four chickens, and 1 dog!! In my free time, I enjoy listening to music, swimming, running, and being outside.

This will be my first full year as a school counselor. I am so honored I get to share in this experience with you and your child! You might be wondering what some of my job duties will include:

- ❖ Work with all students to develop a culture of trust and respect
- ❖ Meet individually with students for brief, solution-focused counseling
- ❖ Facilitate small groups
- ❖ Hands-on classroom lessons
- ❖ Help students make positive behavior choices
- ❖ Collaborate with parents, teachers, aides, support staff, and administration
- ❖ Provide education and resources
- ❖ Maintain confidentiality of student information (unless there is a safety concern: threats to hurt themselves or others)

I know students today are faced with many challenges and obstacles. I have a deep passion for helping all students juggle their roles, responsibilities, and life experiences. I hope to be the bridge connecting school to home and back.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,  
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