

## Lee County School District Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program

The Lee County Public School District believes that the Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program is an essential and integral part of the overall educational process kindergarten through grade twelve. The guidance and counseling staff includes certified school counselors as well as outreach counselors who are trained counselors and/or social workers. Lee County school counselors, working within the framework of the program, make major contributions to the primary educational mission and Comprehensive School Improvement Plan of the District by providing all students with guidance and counseling activities and services that facilitate and enhance their academic, career, and personal and social development. While Lee County school counselors are available to respond to the unique needs of each student, all students along with their parents, receive the full benefits of the Program's guidance and counseling activities and services at all levels, K-12, including the Career Center.

### **The Program**

It is developmental by design and includes sequential activities K-12, organized and implemented by certified school counselors in close collaboration with parents, teachers, and administrators. As a developmental program it addresses the guidance and counseling needs of all students in the District by facilitating and enhancing their academic, career, and personal and social development as well as helping to create positive and safe learning environments. At the same time, the Program assists students as they face issues and resolve problems that may hinder their healthy development.

Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program activities and services are delivered through the following four Program components:

- Guidance Curriculum – large structured group and classroom presentations
- Individual student planning – appraisal, educational and occupational planning, and placement
- Responsive Services – Individual counseling, small-group counseling, consultation, and referral
- System Support – program management, fair-share responsibilities, professional development, staff and community relations, consultation, committee participation, community outreach, and research and development.