

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Alicia Rodriguez, and I am the new school counselor here at Franklin Elementary. I feel excited and privileged to be a part of this wonderful school and community. I have been in the district for the past 6 years and I am looking forward to connecting with all students and their families throughout the remaining school year.

The School Counseling Program model includes plenty of services that are available to assist and help students reach their full potential. Some of the services available to all students here at Franklin Elementary School are individual counseling, small group counseling, academic planning, and classroom guidance lessons.

My main goal as a School Counselor is to meet the social/emotional, and academic development needs for all students within the school. One major belief of mine is that all students can succeed, some just need more support to get there. That is what I am here for; to accompany and guide your students.

As a parent or guardian to a student here at Franklin Elementary School, I encourage you to speak with your child(ren) about the benefits of visiting with their school counselor on a regular basis. One thing that is important for me, is to build connections with the students. I want you and your children to know that my office is always a safe and supportive place – a place where they can come if they need help with something, no matter what it is. I look forward to getting to know each and every student here at F.E.S. and supporting them, the faculty, staff, parents, and the community in any way that I can.

Services Provided

Individual Counseling – Short-term, one-on-one counseling support. Students may request a session with me or may be referred by a teacher/staff member or parent/guardian. Confidentiality is respected.

Small Group Counseling – Small group counseling sessions are available to students who may benefit from working with others in a group setting who are experiencing similar concerns. These students can be referred by parents/guardians or a teacher/staff member. Confidentiality is respected.

Classroom Guidance Lessons – Guidance Lessons will be presented to students as a whole class to teach them developmentally appropriate lessons. Confidentiality is respected.

Please reach out if you have any concerns regarding your child's academics. Confidentiality is respected.

I encourage you to reach out if you have any questions by calling or emailing. I can be reached by email at alrodriguez@twpunionschools.org and by phone at (908) 851-6450.

Kindest regards,

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