

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. How does my child get referred to the counselor?

Teachers, administrators, and parents can refer students to the counselor. Students themselves can walk in and ask to speak with the counselor.

2. Is what I speak to the counselor about confidential?

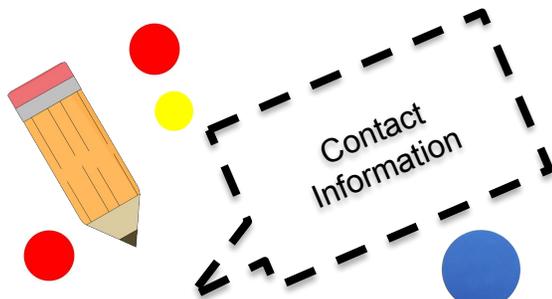
Meetings in the counseling office are confidential, unless it is deemed that someone's safety is at risk.

3. Does the counselor discipline students for code of conduct violations?

No, all discipline is handled by the principal, and classroom teacher. The counselor can meet with the students and facilitate a conflict resolution session if needed.

4. How can I reach the counselor?

Parents can call the number on this brochure, or write to the email provided.



Mrs. Brito School Counselor

brito@cranfordschools.org

908 324-9110

Schedule:

Livingston Avenue School

Tuesday

Thursday

Friday - PM

LAS Office (908)956-8858

Main Office (908) 709-6248

Walnut Avenue School

Monday

Wednesday

Friday - AM

WAS Office (908)956-6191

Main Office (908) 709-6253

Mrs. Brito
School
Counselor

2018-2019
SCHOOL YEAR

CRANFORD PUBLIC
SCHOOLS

It's going to be a Great
2018-2019 School Year!

The Role of the School Counselor

- Work with students individually and in small groups
- Lunch bunch groups
- Work with parents and staff for the well being of the student
- To identify and prevent potential academic, personal and social problems
- To facilitate the communication between teachers, administrators, parents and students
- To provide classroom lessons focused on:
 - developing relationships
 - character education
 - bullying
 - conflict resolution
 - problem-solving
 - decision-making skills in all grade levels

Students, I am here to help you with:

- Setting goals for yourself
- Working together with others
- Understanding your feelings
 - Adjusting to a new school
- Learning how to make decisions
- Managing your feelings (stress, worry, anger, etc.)
- Dealing with peer pressure and or conflicts
 - Family changes

Parents, I am available to assist and provide you with:

- Exploring ways to help your child succeed
- Improving parent-child communications
- Referrals for community sources

Special Functions of the School Counselor

* Problem Solving Team

I am part of Problem Solving Teams at Livingston Avenue School and Walnut Avenue School. I help create action plans to help students achieve their optimal academic success.

* HIB

If you have a concern that your child is being harassed, bullied or intimidated you can reach out to the counselor or the principal, and we can discuss the process.

*** Anti-bullying specialist at Livingston Avenue School and Walnut Avenue School**

• Member of School Safety Team

"The purpose of the team is to develop, foster and maintain a positive school climate by focusing on the ongoing, systematic operational procedures and educational practices in the school and to address issues, such as HIB, that affect school climate and culture."