

COUNSELING

Academic Counseling: Elementary and Secondary Grade Levels

FISD school counselors are available to students and parents to talk about the importance of postsecondary education and how best to plan for postsecondary education, including appropriate courses to consider and financial aid availability and requirements.

Personal Counseling (All Grade Levels)

The school counselors are available to assist students with a wide range of personal concerns, including areas such as social/emotional development, bullying, grief, family issues, or substance abuse. The counselors may also make available information about community resources to address these concerns. Fruitvale ISD has a comprehensive guidance and counseling program based on the developmental needs of students in educational, career, and personal - social environments. The elementary and secondary school counselors have Master degrees, have been certified as school counselors by the Texas Education Agency, and have been classroom teachers.

The school counselors at FISD provide many services such as:

- Orientation activities at the beginning of the year
- Grade level guidance lessons and activities
- Coordination and interpretation of standardized testing and state mandated testing
- Individual counseling and small group counseling
- Academic advisement to students and parents
- Career awareness and exploration

Students may be referred to see the counselor by:

- Counselor request
- Staff referral
- Parent referral
- Administrative referral
- Student referral

All students will have access to the school counselor at any time during the school year; however, if a student needs to visit the counselor on a regular basis for an extended period of time or the student would benefit by participating in a small counseling group, parents will be contacted for approval.