

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

My name is Elyssa Herter and I would like to introduce myself to you as the school counselor at Niles Intermediate School. This is my first year as a school counselor as well as my first year in the Niles School District. I am very excited to be your school counselor and look forward to working with you and your child this school year.

The school counseling program at Niles Intermediate School is based on the American School Counseling Association Model and our district standards. It includes a variety of counseling services designed to meet the needs of all students. These services include individual counseling, small group counseling, and classroom guidance lessons.

Individual counseling takes place when a student needs help with a personal issue and occurs on an as needed basis.

Small group counseling is for students who share a common need with other peers. For example, small group topics may include; divorce, social skills, grief, and friendship. If your child is asked to join a small group, a permission slip will be sent home and must be signed and returned before your child can participate.

Classroom guidance lessons will occur throughout the school year. My goal is to get into each classroom once a month to do a lesson related to personal/social skills, academics, and careers.

If you have any questions or concerns related to the counseling program please contact me directly at (330) 989-5093 ext 3108 or elyssa.walker@nilesmckinley.org. I look forward to working together this school year!

Elyssa Herter
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