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Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri

School Counseling Program

**Grace Chapel Lutheran School
10015 Lance Drive † St. Louis, MO † 63137**

School Counseling Policy

School counseling is a part of the educational program provided at Grace Chapel Lutheran School. A Christian counselor provides services from the Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri. These services include conducting classroom activities (in collaboration with the teaching staff) on awareness of personal gifts and interests, Christian relationship building, career awareness, and substance abuse prevention. The counselor also works with individual students and with groups of students and is available for consultation with teachers, parents, and (with signed parent consent) outside professionals.

Referrals may be received from students for themselves, from parents, from teachers, or from pastors. The counselor will, at times, convene small groups of students to address relationship issues that arise at school. This is done in order to allow the counselor to assist students in providing helpful feedback to one another and to give students guided practice in Christian relationship building.

Lutheran Family and Children's Services and Grace Chapel Lutheran School view school counseling as an educational process. Meeting with the counselor should not necessarily indicate special problems. The school counselor, in much the same way as the classroom teacher, informs parents of any serious concerns which may come to light during his/her interaction with the children. Children who participate in group sessions are invited to do so in order to contribute their views and to participate in Christian relationship building.

Appointments with the counselor are made in consultation with teachers, and care is taken to minimize intrusion on instructional time.

I have read the above policy:

Parent/Guardian

Date

Student's Name

Grade