

# SCHOOL COUNSELOR

## SNAPSHOT



## ABOUT THE COUNSELING TEAM

Mrs. Gesell and Ms. O'Hagan make up the HHMS Counseling Team. With nearly 40 years of combined experience in education, they offer a wealth of knowledge and support to the students and community.

The counselors have a hands on approach to working with their students and feel it's important to be an active presence throughout the school.

## SKILLS

- Communication
- Trustworthy
- Team Work
- Compassionate
- Organization
- Reasoning

## DAILY TASKS

- Individual and group counseling sessions
- Student Classroom Observations
- Conduct Classroom lessons
- Monitor students' grades and academic progress
- Communicate with parents
- Collaborate with teachers and administration
- Supervise and educate school counseling interns

## WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR?

School counselors work with students to develop various academic and social skills that can translate to better grades, stronger friendships, improved behavior and other positive outcomes. This is done through a program that includes:

- Classroom and school-wide events to educate students on academic, college and career, and social/emotional issues
- Coordination and consultation with students, teachers, families, and others
- Small group and individual counseling, on a short-term basis, to help students develop new skills to use at school and at home
- Connecting families to community resources for additional counseling or other services needed

## EDUCATION

- Master's Degree
  - 48 credits
  - 100 supervised Practicum hours in a School Setting
  - 600 supervised Internship hours in a School Setting
- NJ School Counselor Certification

## ADDITIONAL ROLES:

- Intervention & Referral Services Member
- School Safety Team Member
- Anti-Bullying Specialist
- Heroes & Cool Kids Advisor
- Sidekicks Advisor