

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
AT
BRISTOL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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In addition to our wonderful teachers at Bristol, we have a great group of support teachers that help balance out our academic program. These educators help in many ways to ensure that each individual child has a chance to learn to his/her fullest potential.

Our support service teachers provide immediate assistance to students in need. Information is gathered on these students on how to best meet their educational needs. They help us solve problems that arise and help determine the conditions that best enable all student to learn. This pamphlet introduces the different services that our school has to offer.

We hope you will find this information to be a helpful resource. We are all available and interested; please call us if we can assist you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Zitzmann

Principal

COUNSELING PROGRAM:

In accordance with the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program, the Bristol Elementary guidance department is dedicated to fostering educational opportunities in which each student has an equal opportunity to learn and grow to their fullest potential. The Bristol guidance program seeks to assist students in gaining self-understanding as a basis for establishing constructive life goals consistent with their particular abilities and interest.

The guidance program is an integral part of Bristol Elementary and offers assistance to the entire Bristol family through the following services:

RESPONSIVE SERVICES

- Brief Individual Counseling
- Referral to Outside Agencies
- Conflict Mediation
- Parent Conferences
- Student Support Groups
- Crisis Intervention

INDIVIDUAL PLANNING

- ASSIST Team individual assessment
- Classroom observations
- Individual Educational Planning (IEP)
- Parent conferences

CURRICULUM

- Classroom Activities/ Lessons
- School wide PBIS programming
- Student Support Groups
- In-service Trainings

SYSTEM SUPPORT

- Staff and Community Relations
- Consultation with District Personal
- Professional Development
- Committee Involvement
- Student Club Sponsorship
- Parent Meetings

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SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER:

The School Social Worker provides support to teachers, parents and students in the following areas:

Services to Parents – Helps parents and families participate more fully in their child’s education by assessing needs and recommending appropriate support services. The school social worker provides referrals to community resources, medical and mental health professionals, family support services and emergency assistance agencies.

Services to Students – Provides assessments of psycho/social/emotional functioning, intervenes with students in crisis, and assists those students participating in various school programs and support services. The school social worker also provides supportive counseling to students struggling with home concerns and personal needs.

Services to Staff – Provides direct support to staff through implementation of school programs, student observations, consultation, behavioral management strategies, communication with parents/families, and accessing programs available to students with special needs. The school social worker also collaborates with school staff regarding appropriate school-based interventions.

Referrals may be made by teacher, parent or child.

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RESOURCE PROGRAM:

SERVICES: Two resource teachers provide educational support for individuals with a special education diagnosis. Team teaching with the general education teacher, small group and one-on-one instruction is provided. In addition, support is given to families with in-home strategies and problem solving techniques on an as needed basis. Support is provided to the general education teacher with modifications, adaptations and behavior support plans.

Team Teaching – Both the regular education teacher and the special education teacher work together to introduce lessons and provide activities that follow the curriculum.

Small Group – No more than six students are involved in a small group activity that is designed to meet common goals the students are working towards.

One-on-one Instruction – This is provided for individuals who need a quiet environment, highly structured setting, as well as curriculum goals.

Family Support – Resource teachers help families problem solve daily struggles and/or behaviors on an as needed basis.

Teacher Support – Resource teachers provide the general education teacher with insights on the child's disability, strengths of the child as well as learning styles and modifications needed to access the general education program. They help develop positive behavior support plans and monitor overall success.

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SCHOOL NURSE

The role of the school nurse is to provide first aid and care to all students and staff. The nurse also provides health maintenance along with maintaining health records, administering medication, carrying out prescribed nursing treatments, and providing medical referrals as needed. The nurse may provide students and families with health resource information and health care agency locations upon request.

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READING SUPPORT PROGRAM

The reading support program provides supplemental reading instruction to accelerate student reading progress. Eligibility of student in grades K-5 is determined through various reading assessments and teacher recommendation. *Reading Recovery* is also available to eligible first grade students. Services are provided during regular school hours.

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MATH TUTORS:

Services: Two math tutors provide individual, team, and whole group support in mathematics. The tutors also provide classroom assistance and monitor student progress in math.

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SPEECH/LANGUAGE THERAPY

Services: Speech and/or language support therapy is provided through small group therapy, push-in class support or consultation. Parent and teacher support is provided as needed.

Speech Therapy – Targets students with articulation, fluency or voice concerns

Language Therapy – Targets students with concerns involving vocabulary knowledge, sequencing skills, basic concepts, understanding and using grammatically correct sentences, social interactions and many others.

Referrals may be made by teacher or parent through Bristol's ASSIST Team process.

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DIAGNOSTICIAN

Bristol has the service of a certified school psychologist. The following services are offered:

Collect data, do observations, conduct screenings and interview teachers about students who exhibit concerns in academic, emotional, social or behavioral areas

Participate in problem-solving through Bristol's ASSIST Team

Conduct evaluations of students who have been referred for special education including parent interview, evaluations, and diagnostic conferences

Meet with parents to discuss educational concerns about their children and whether they would qualify for special education referral and subsequent testing

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