West Orange High School
Guidance Department

Communicating with the School Counselor
  Email
  Parent Portal
  Naviance
  Monthly Newsletter
  School Website
  Parent Conferences
  (Make appointment with School Counselor)

Guidance Programs
  Students
    (In-Class / Small Group / Individual)
  Parents
  Evening Meetings

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Connecting for a Successful school year with the School Counselor

Understand the expertise and responsibilities of your child’s school counselor. School counselors make a measurable impact in every student’s life, assisting with academic, career and personal/social development. School counselors are trained in both educating and counseling, allowing them to function as a facilitator between parents, teachers and the student in matters concerning the student’s goals, abilities and any areas needing improvement. School counselors provide services not only to students in need, but to all students.

Meet or contact your child’s school counselor at least three times per school year. The beginning of a school year is an excellent opportunity to initiate contact with your child’s school counselor and doing so can ensure your child’s positive school experience. Find out who the counselor is and what his or her experience and background are. By communicating with one another at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year, parents and counselors can have a definite impact on a child’s success.

Discuss your child’s challenges and concerns with the school counselor. As a parent, you know your child best. However, the school counselor can help you better understand your child as a student. It’s important to encourage your child’s expression of needs, hopes and frustrations. School counselors are trained to help your children.

Learn about your child’s school and social connections from the school counselor. When you need information or assistance, your child’s school counselor can help you get in touch with the appropriate school officials; learn about school policies on behavior, attendance, and dress; know the school calendar of important dates and stay connected with the school in many other ways. The school counselor can also help you locate resources in the community when you need them.

Work with the school counselor to identify resources and find solutions to problems. If your child is having a problem at school, it is important to work with your child’s school counselor to find solutions beyond school.

Role of the School Counselor
1. Sign up with Naviance
2. Obtain access to the parent portal
3. Scheduling each year in high school
4. Post secondary planning
5. Individual counseling
6. Class lessons
7. Advisement resolve conflicts, specific student concerns (grades, peer pressure, academic support etc.)
8. Student appraisal - coordinating information that goes into confidential student files and interpreting the information to help qualify students for special programs.
9. I&RS and 504 Coordinators
10. Coordinate meeting with parent, teacher and student to address issues/concerns in class.
11. Referral - provide referrals to appropriate professionals in the school, as well as outside the school.

Role of the Student Assistance Counselor
1. Provide counseling and resources for substance abuse issues.
2. Provide counseling and resources for mental health issues.
3. Provide counseling and resources for crisis intervention.
## WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL
### COUNSELOR’S CASELOAD ASSIGNMENT

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- Last names L – Z - Keshia Golding-Cooper (kgoldingcooper@westorangeschools.org)
Dates to remember

January 3, 2017 (snow date 1/10/2017)
Time: 7:00 pm
Roosevelt Middle School Auditorium
8th Grade Orientation
Transition to West Orange High School
Provide an overview of courses offered. Describe the course selection process. Review high school graduation requirements.

January 4, 2017 (snow date 1/11/2017)
Time: 7:00 pm
Liberty Middle School Auditorium
8th Grade Orientation
Transition to West Orange High School
Provide an overview of courses offered. Describe the course selection process. Review high school graduation requirements.

Scheduling Process
February 1 - February 14, 2017
Current 8th Grade students meet with school counselors to complete course requests for the 2017-2018 school year.

June 9, 2017
Letters mailed indicating courses students selected for the 2017-2018 school year. Calendar included with school counselors’ summer schedule will be included.

June 12 – August 30, 2017
Students will be permitted to make changes to course requests for the 2017-2018 school year. Contact assigned West Orange High School Counselor to make changes.

August 4, 2017
Student schedules for 2017-2018 school year mailed and available via Parent Portal.

August 7 – 31, 2017
School counselors available to make changes to schedules. Schedule changes are not permitted until the end of quarter 1 once the school year has started.

March 15, 2017
Time: 6:30 pm
WOHS - LMC
Naviance / Family Connection Presentation for 8th Grade Parents (Liberty & Roosevelt Middle Schools)
Program will provide an overview of Naviance/Family Connection.

It’s never too early to begin the college search.

April 25, 2017
Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
WOHS - Tarnoff Cafeteria
College Night Representatives from various colleges/universities will be available to provide information. Parents and students will have an opportunity to obtain information as well as ask questions.