

Elementary Counselling

Who qualifies for this service?

Students may qualify for this service if they:

- encounter difficulties adapting to the learning environment
- are designated according to the Ministry of Education behaviour criteria
- experience emotional, social, or behaviour concerns which significantly interfere with their ability to function appropriately at school
- experience mental health issues

Who provides the service?

Description of staff qualifications:

- certification from the BC College of Teachers
- a master's degree in counselling psychology or a related discipline with a focus in counselling

How is the service provided?

Elementary counsellors may:

- provide short-term individual counselling addressing emotional, social, and/or behavioural concerns
- instruct small groups or classes on topics such as social skills, bullying, anger management
- co-teach lessons in the classroom specific to Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
- support students adapting to the classroom learning environment
- meet regularly as members of school-based teams to assist in problem solving and provide awareness of issues that may affect the academic and social/emotional development of students
- collect behavioural information and complete initial behavioural screening when considering Ministry behaviour designation for a student
- supporting families around parenting/behavioural challenges
- consult with parents and school staff regarding student counselling needs and/or behaviour issues
- consult with district-based personnel
- develop and monitor Behaviour Support Plans (BSPs) in collaboration with teachers, parents, and students
- refer to and consult with community service providers may serve as member of the post critical intervention response team (P-CIRT)
- liaising with Community partners and resources