



Frequently Asked Questions

Who is my child's counselor? Students are assigned counselor based on the major of the student. Here is the counseling department is divided.

Name	Major	email
Mr. Joel Diamond	Visual Art	diamojs@nv.ccsd.net
Mrs. Carol Dunlap	Dance, Orchestra	dunlaca@nv.ccsd.net
Mrs. Jana Essary	Phot, Theatre, Tech Theatre, Video Production	cantojp@nv.ccsd.net
Ms. Rashida Jeffery	Animation, Graphic Design, Band, Jazz Band, Mariachi	jeffrn@nv.ccsd.net
Mrs. Salima Virani	Guitar, Piano, & Vocal	virans@nv.ccsd.net

What does the counselor do at high school? The ultimate job of the high school counselor is to ensure graduation. Everything we do works toward that end. This includes registration for classes, parent/teacher conference, student conferences, checking grades, credit checks and registration for summer classes. We also administer graduation tests. We do both academic and social counseling with students. We are often in classrooms and not always in our offices.

Please, make an appointment and don't just drop in.

What the counselor does not do? We do not have anything to do with field trips, yearbook, and eligibility for trips, grades, placement in a major or plays. We also do not provide one-on-one counseling for students for a long period of time (we are not therapists).

What if I have a question about my student's grade in a class? Begin with the teacher. They are the ones who see your child in class and can give you the best information. We can't answer why the student received the grade that he/she did nor what is occurring in the classroom. If your student is having issues in multiple classes, please contact Ms. Estella at 702-799-7800 Ext 4300 to set up a parent teacher conference.

Hardest part of being a parent of a high school student: Letting your student make mistakes and figuring out how problem-solve for themselves. Help your student to become independent and ready for the next steps in his/her life when you are not always there to problem-solve. This is key and what colleges want students to be able to do.

As a counselor, we see so many students super stressed due to the pressures of being the best at everything (AP/Honors classes, must get the A, must be the best at a major, must be.....). The best thing a parent can do is take off some of the pressure (really mean it) and let them know it is ok if they are not in all honors classes if they are not the star if they have to struggle/are sad/disappointed. Help them be resilient and happy for others! High school should also be about FUN and memories...not always up until midnight in tears due to over-doing everything. They must have time to rest. Many times former students regret not doing fun things and always working all weekend to catch up in school. Let them enjoy being kids these last few years!