



Student Needs Assessment/Survey - Letter to Parents

September 2024

Dear Hamilton Families:

To serve the needs of our Hamilton student community, the counseling team uses a variety of data (achievement, attendance, climate, discipline) to develop programs and interventions specific to our students. One of the tools the counseling department uses is an annual needs assessment survey. This assessment helps us to identify common needs of our student body (6th, 7th, and 8th grades) as well as specific student needs. The short survey asks students if they would like support with a variety of academic (i.e., study skills & organization) and/or social emotional topics (i.e., anxiety & stress) that may be impacting them. Based on survey responses, school counselors may follow up with students individually. The counseling department might also offer services such as classroom lessons by grade level or small groups based on specific topics (Students who participate in ongoing small groups will require guardian permission). We may also connect students to outside resources and activities. Ultimately, we want to remove barriers for our students and ensure that they have access to programs, activities and supports to help them achieve success in school and in life.

Other than for school counselor use to provide individualized supports and/or interventions to students, information collected through the surveys is kept confidential except for anything that would mandate us to report. Further, survey responses excluding personally identifiable student information are shared with administration and staff to report student needs, trends, or patterns in each grade level or as a school.

Students will complete this 5-10 minute survey during the school day. Participation in the needs assessment is voluntary. Students and families can opt out of completing this survey by contacting your grade-level counselor (listed below) by **September 20, 2024**. If you would like to review the survey, please let us know and we will make information available to you.

We look forward to a great 2024-25 school year with your students!

Thank you,

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