**White Knoll Middle School Counseling Program Philosophy**

The counselors at White Knoll Middle School believe:

* All children are unique and learn in different ways.
* The school counselors are advocates for all students and help instill strong values and a positive belief system in students as they progress through school.
* All students can learn responsibility, compassion, respect, honesty, and civility and grow into independent, caring individuals.
* All students in grades 6-8 will have access to a full-time school counselor.

And that the White Knoll Middle School Comprehensive School Counseling Program should:

* Provide opportunities for all students including those identified in underserved populations to become lifelong learners.
* Be based on specified goals and developmental student competencies for all students in grades 6-8.
* Be planned and coordinated by the school counselors in coordination with school personnel, parents, and community representatives.
* Use data to direct the school counseling program to focus on primary prevention, intervention, and student-developmental needs.
* Be evaluated by our school district director of school counseling and advisement and school administrators on specified goals and agreed upon student competencies.
* Evaluate student progress in collaboration with teachers, psychologists, administrators, and parents.
* Address the academic, personal/social, and career standards and competencies.

And that the counselors at White Knoll Middle School should:

* Abide by the ethical standards as provided by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA).
* Participate in professional development opportunities in order to maintain a quality school counseling program.