Professional School Counselors support the academic, career and social-emotional development of all students by assuring equitable access to high quality educational opportunities and creating safe learning environments. Professional School Counselors partner with teachers, administrators, families and other stakeholders to develop and navigate rigorous academic and post-secondary plans that prepare students to graduate, on time, as globally competitive citizens ready for college, careers, and life.
SCHOOL COUNSELING SERVICES

ACADEMIC SUPPORT
- Academic Advisement Sessions
- 6 Year Planning Meetings – Grades 7 – 12
- School Transition Support
- Instruction in Learning Habits
- Teacher Consultation
- Instruction in Test Taking Skills

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL SUPPORT
- Social/Emotional Counseling Sessions
- Responsive Services
- Referrals to Outside Services
- Coordination with Outside Mental Health Providers
- Instruction in Social Emotional Learning

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS
- College and Career Counseling Sessions
- Instruction in Goal Setting
- College Planning and Application Support
- Financial Aid Information
- Letters of Recommendation
- Instruction in Career Pathways

ADDITIONAL SERVICES
- Enrollment & Withdrawal Conferences
- Required Parent Conferences
- Social Services Referrals
- Parent Information Nights
- Coordination of Service Programs
- Career Exploration Events
- Character Education Program Implementation

SENIOR GRADUATION SURVEY RESULTS

- 36.9% of students polled stated that they reviewed or updated their 6 Year Plan 3 or more times.
- 28% of students polled indicated that they would be the first in their family to attend college.
- The Maryland State Department of Education reported an estimated 5% increase in the FAFSA Completion Percentage for BCPS students during the 2017/2018 cycle.
- The Graduating Class of 2017 earned a total in $153,706,069 in Scholarship Funds.

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

- Military enlistment – 3.4%
- 2 Year College enrollment – 24.2%
- 4 Year College enrollment – 55.8%
- Employment – 5%

- “School Counselor” was the second most popular response to “Who influenced your post-secondary planning,” second only to “Parent/Guardian.”
- Students indicated that the most helpful School Counseling post-secondary planning service is the individual academic advising sessions.
- 74% of students surveyed rated the services they received from their School Counseling Office as a 4 or a 5 on a 5 point rating scale. 48% of students gave their School Counseling Office the highest possible score.
- 53% of students surveyed stated that they met with their School Counselor 4 or more times during their Senior year. 1,261 students met with their counselor 7 or more times.

Data Sources
School Counselor Use of Time Survey Semester 1 (data collected through Microsoft Office 365 survey), January 2017.
School Counselor Use of Time Survey Semester 2 (data collected through Microsoft Office 365 survey), June 2017.
Maryland State Department of Education Graduation Survey 2017 (data collected through Naviance survey), May 2017.