



# Counselor's Corner

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Dear Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself! My name is Mrs. Y. Royster and I am the new PK-5 Elementary School Counselor. I am so excited to be part of the Oxmoor Valley Elementary family and community.

My passion for school counseling began during my time as a student at Norfolk State University where I received my Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. I also completed Master of Arts in School Counseling at Norfolk State University. I am going into my 3<sup>rd</sup> year of counseling. What I love most about the elementary level is the genuine curiosity students have in their learning and the world around them, as well as the opportunity for early intervention support that can have a lifetime positive impact on a child.

As a School Counselor, my primary responsibility is to promote the academic, career, and social/emotional development of **all** students. Many times I get puzzled looks when I say I provide career development at the elementary level, but it is never too early for children to be exposed to the opportunities their futures will hold! I look forward to offering support to the Oxmoor Valley Elementary students, staff, families, and community. I will be meeting with students individually and in small groups, conducting classroom counseling lessons, meeting with parents (as needed), collaborating with teachers and staff, and consulting with community organizations to benefit and meet the needs of **all** Princeton Elementary students.

You may have noticed above that I put in bold and underlined the word, “**all**” students. Sometimes when the term “counselor” is heard, some may perceive that a counselor may only work with a select few students in a 1:1 counseling capacity, but that is not the case! School Counseling programs reach and meet the needs of ***all students*** in a school through many various ways, including those listed above. I am here to advocate for **all** students. If you ever have any questions or concerns, or do not wish to have your child participate in these school counseling services, please do not hesitate to call 205-231-1200 or email me at [yroyster@bhm.k12.al.us](mailto:yroyster@bhm.k12.al.us) any time.

I am so excited to work with your children and get to know you throughout the school year! ☺

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All the best,  
Mrs. Royster, MA School Counseling  
PK-5 School Counselor

