


Getting to know US!



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<p><i>Who Am I?</i></p> <p>This is my first year at NCES and I am looking forward to having a great year! What I enjoy most about my position is the ability to support students throughout the school day. I meet with students individually and in small groups. Within my work, I ensure that students have all the necessary tools they will need to conquer any obstacle that comes their way and to celebrate the victories!</p> <p>Contact: olerz@nceschool.org</p>	<p><i>Who Am I?</i></p> <p>This is my second year as the school counselor at NCES. I teach Career Development with Social Skills/Character to all students in EK-8. I love that this allows me to get to know ALL the students at NCES! I also work with students independently or in small groups to help them build the skills they need to be successful.</p> <p>Contact: sbenjamin@nceschool.org</p>

What Does A School Social Worker Do?	What Does A School Counselor Do?	How Do We Work Together?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● They meet with students for individual counseling based on their needs. ● They run small groups such as lunch bunches to help students socialize. ● They value a strong home-to-school relationship. ● They provide outside resources to families based on their needs. ● They collaborate with the special education team. ● They respond to crisis situations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● They help students learn and apply academic strategies. ● They work with students to help manage emotions and learn interpersonal skills. ● They begin career exploration with students. ● They offer short-term and small group counseling. ● They are the 504 Coordinators. ● They collaborate with families and staff to advocate for students' success. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We both collaborate together in many ways when it comes to student needs. ● The social worker splits her time between two schools; therefore, when she is not in the building students will have access to the counselor. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>We work together as a team!</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>