

## What does a school counselor DO?

I work alongside teachers and parents to help students develop socially and emotionally, and to help remove any barriers they have to learning!

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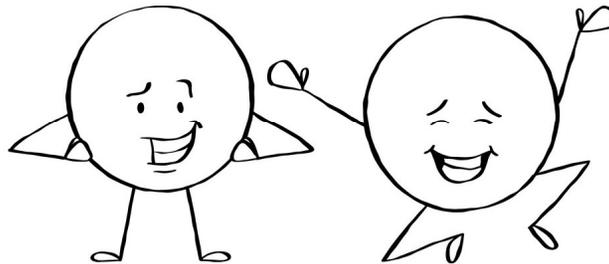
- Classroom lessons teaching social skills, how to take care of strong feelings, study skills, etc.
- Small group counseling
- Short-term individual counseling
- Consultation with parents and teachers
- Parent workshops
- Community resource referrals (including longer term therapy services)
- Schoolwide programming (Start with Hello Week, Red Ribbon Week, Values Matter Miami, Do The Right Thing Program, etc.)

## Contact Me!



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I am excited  
and honored to  
serve you and  
your child!



*\*\*\*Confidentiality and your family's privacy are important to me. What you or your child discuss with a counselor is private except in cases required by law (when abuse or neglect are suspected).\*\*\**

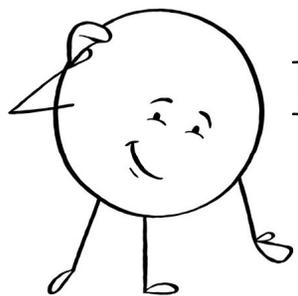
# South Hialeah Elementary SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Ms. Mercedes Huante



## How can I support parents?

- Helping to handle social or emotional concerns you have about your child
- Improving parent-child communication
- Family difficulties or concerns that affect your child at school
- Referrals for community resources
- Understanding the developmental changes of childhood
- Helping your child to be on time to school every day
- Discussing concerns about your child's academic achievement



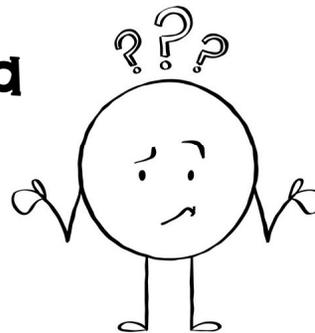
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## What types of things do I talk with students about in class lessons and in counseling?

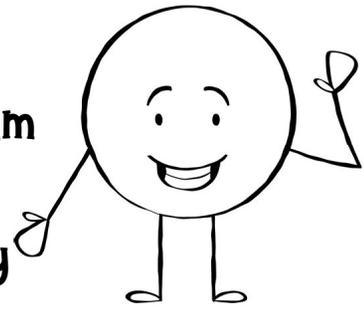
- Making and keeping friends
- Setting goals
- Teamwork
- Feeling good about yourself
- Making good choices
- Being responsible
- Managing strong feelings
- Conflict resolution

## How does a student see a school counselor?

- Self-referral
- Parent referral
- Administrative, teacher, or other staff referral
- Referral by friend(s)



## School Support Team at South Hialeah Elementary



- Mercedes Huante – School Counselor
  - Dr. Nadine DeGiordany – School Psychologist
- Elizabeth Diaz-Perez – School Social Worker
  - Karina Bullitt- Mental Health Coordinator
- Rosa Diaz-Ortiz - Speech & Language Pathologist
- Esther Hernandez – Staffing Specialist

