

## GUIDANCE/HEALTH SERVICES

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#### PHILOSOPHY

The Tussey Mountain School District counselors provide students, staff, and families with many direct and indirect services. The major emphasis of counselor time is providing direct service to students. However, time is spent on indirect services that include program planning, planning, organizing, and implementing beneficial experiences for the students and developing and building rapport with community agencies.

As student advocates, we provide students with experiences to help them grow and develop by offering individual, small and large group counseling and guidance. The process functions as a transitional experience to assist the student with the next stage of life, whatever it may be for that individual. We aspire to encourage students to be life long learners, develop citizenship, and play a vital role in their personal development.

Elementary Guidance - On the elementary level, a counselor is directly involved in classroom guidance experiences with students. Additionally, the guidance counselor works with individual students and small groups when the need arises. Communication with staff and parents is a necessary component of the guidance services. The counselor also works closely with the school nurse and the administrative staff in specialized areas where consultation or referral services are requested or recommended.

Secondary Guidance - In addition to general functions, secondary school counselors help students plan course sequences and discuss decisions about further education and career choices. Providing information for students in career and educational planning is a function of guidance services on the secondary level.

Career Guidance Center - Located in the high school, the Career Center offers students, teachers, parents, and the public in general an opportunity to pursue their career and educational interests. Audio-visual materials, printed materials, college and school catalogs, financial aid materials and career selection aids are available for use and are under the supervision of the guidance staff.

### GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

1. Kathy Wood, Guidance Counselor - Grades 7-12
3. Steve Long, Guidance Counselor - Grades K-6
4. Megan Horsh – (Elementary/Secondary School Psychologist)