Welcome from your 8th grade counselor!



Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! As we prepare for another exciting year, I want to take a moment to introduce myself and share some important information. My name is Mrs. DeAndrea Curry, and I am thrilled to be returning to Colin Powell as the 8th-grade school counselor. After spending 17 wonderful years as a math teacher, I am eager to bring my

passion for education and student support into this new role. Transitioning from the classroom to the counseling office has been an inspiring journey, and I am excited to work with both students and parents to create a positive and supportive school experience.

In my role as your school counselor, my primary goal is to support the academic, social, and emotional development of each student. I am here to help students navigate their educational journey, address any challenges they may face, and celebrate their achievements. Whether it's helping with class schedules, providing resources for personal growth, or offering guidance during difficult times, my door is always open.

What to Expect This Year:

- 1. <u>Individual and Group Counseling:</u> I will be available for one-on-one and small group sessions to address any concerns students may have. Topics may include study skills, conflict resolution, and emotional well-being.
- 2. <u>Classroom Guidance Lessons</u>: Throughout the year, I will visit classrooms to provide lessons on various topics such as goal setting, career exploration, and building positive relationships.
- 3. <u>Parent Workshops:</u> I plan to host workshops for parents to provide valuable information on supporting your child's development as well as preparation for high school.
- 4. <u>Student Support:</u> If your child faces any challenges or you have concerns about their well-being, please do not hesitate to reach out. Together, we can work towards finding solutions and ensuring a successful school year.

I am genuinely excited about the opportunity to work with such a dynamic and vibrant community. As we embark on this new school year, I encourage you to stay connected with me. Please feel free to contact me via email at [Your Email Address] or by phone at [Your Phone Number] if you have any questions or need assistance.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead filled with growth, learning, and success! I look forward to meeting all of you and working together to make this a memorable and productive year for our students.

Warm regards,

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