

Support Services

School Counseling

We have four full time school counselors at Shepaug School. Three counselors support our elementary schools once weekly. We also have a college and career counselor at Shepaug.

Our guidance team supports our schools by the following actions:

- Planning developmental guidance lessons and course of study
- Addressing student needs through individual counseling
- Planning an academic course of study for students to meet their goals
- Collaborating with students and families around college and vocational planning
- Guiding students to use strategies to enhance their study, time management, conflict resolution and decision making skills.

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Nursing Services

There is a full time nurse at each of our four school buildings.

Our nurses support our schools by the following actions:

- Administering first aid
- Conducting screenings
- Ensuring student medical records are up to date- physical examinations and immunizations
- Monitoring and administering medications
- Consulting with students, parents and staff
- Working as a liaison between school and physicians and health agencies

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School Psychologists

There are two full time and two part time school psychologists in the district supporting all four schools.

Our school psychologists support our schools by the following actions:

- Conducting assessments- cognitive, behavioral/social/emotional, adaptive functioning
- Observing students to understand learning styles/behavioral characteristics
- Participating in student support teams
- Collecting and compiling data for clear communication
- Working directly with a student or groups of students to support needs

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Speech and Language Pathologists

We have two speech and language pathologists who work at all four schools in the district.

Our SLPs support our schools by the following actions:

- Conducting diagnostic assessments to identify communication problems
- Observing students to support student support teams and decision making
- Providing direct services for articulation, fluency, and language deficits

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Occupational and Physical Therapists

Region 12 contracts with a physical therapist, an occupational therapist and a certified occupational therapy assistant who work at all four schools in the district.

These therapists support our schools by the following actions:

- Conducting diagnostic assessments to identify motor problems
- Observing students to support student support teams and decision making
- Providing services to assist students ability to function in the school setting

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