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Common Belief Statements For District 833 Middle School Counselors

We the District 833 Middle School Counselors believe:

- *Every student can learn*
- *All students have an equal right to access a licensed school counselor and to participate in a comprehensive school counseling program designed to address academic, career, personal, and social issues.*
- *All students should be provided with a school counseling program that will be consistent with expected developmental stages of learning and differences in learning styles.*
- *Learning involves the education of the whole person and is a continuous lifelong process.*
- *Learning requires the active participation, mutual respect and individual accountability of students, teachers, staff, parents and community members.*

- *Diversity is to be respected and appreciated as we foster unity among our students, faculty, staff and community.*
- *School counselors should implement and manage data driven programs to support and implement closing -the-gap interventions and activities.*
- *School counselors will annually evaluate the program through data, reflection and feedback from the school community.*
- *School counselors will adhere to the American School Counselor Association ethical guidelines and standards.*