

**Paulding County School District  
Elementary Classroom Guidance Topics**



**Elementary school counselors provide classroom guidance in three domains: academic, career, and personal/social. These three domains are within the framework of the American School Counselor Association National Model. Topic and essential question information are provided below.**

**Kindergarten**

Number	Topic	Essential Question and/or Title of Lesson
K-1	Responsibility	What does being responsible?
K-2	Social Skills	How do we make and keep friends?
K-3	Study Skills	How do good listeners behave?
K-4	Bullying/Tolerance	What is a bully?
K-5	Optional Lesson(s)	
K-6	Careers	What is a career? How do I choose a career that is right for me?

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

Number	Topic	Essential Question and/or Title of Lesson
1-1	Responsibility	What is responsibility? Is being responsible important?
1-2	Social Skills	What characteristics make someone a good friend?
1-3	Study Skills	Why is it a good idea to listen in class?
1-4	Bullying/Tolerance	How is the fruit basket story similar to what happens sometimes in the classroom?
1-5	Test Taking	What are some test taking skills/test preparation skills?
1-6	Careers	Exploring various careers
1-7	Good Touch Bad Touch	
1-8	Good Touch Bad Touch	

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Number	Topic	Essential Question and/or Title of Lesson
2-1	Responsibility	What are some ways that students can be responsible in school, at home, and in the community?
2-2	Social Skills	Why is it important to cooperate and get along with others?
2-3	Study Skills	How can listening and paying attention help students in school?
2-4	Bullying/Tolerance	How do bullies act? What can you do to deal safely and effectively with bullies?
2-5	Test Taking	What are some test taking skills/test preparation skills?
2-6	Careers	Why is it important to be responsible and cooperate with others in your career?

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Number	Topic	Essential Question and/or Title of Lesson
3-1	Responsibility	How can having a decision-making model help you become more responsible?
3-2	Social Skills	Identifying the characteristics of making a good friend.
3-3	Study Skills	What effective study habits are necessary for academic success?
3-4	Bullying/Tolerance	What is conflict? How can you deal with bullies using the timely tools?
3-5	Test Taking	How can using test taking skills help you show what you know on tests?
3-6	Careers	What steps do you have to take to reach your career goal? How are school habits related to your future work habits?
3-7	Good Touch Bad Touch	
3-8	Good Touch Bad Touch	

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Number	Topic	Essential Question and/or Title of Lesson
4-1	Responsibility	Why is responsible behavior important in school, at home, and in the workplace?
4-2	Social Skills	What does it mean to show empathy for the feelings of others?
4-3	Study Skills	Why are listening and paying attention and concentrating important skills?
4-4	Bullying/Tolerance	In what ways can children bully others? How can you stop bullies? How can you help others that are being bullied?
4-5	Test Taking	How can using test taking skills help you show what you know on tests?
4-6	Careers	Why is it important to know my skills, talents, and/or interests when searching for a career?

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Number	Topic	Essential Question and/or Title of Lesson
5-1	Responsibility	How do students set and achieve realistic goals?
5-2	Social Skills	What strategies can we use to get along better with others?
5-3	Study Skills	What is the most effective way to study according to your learning style?
5-4	Bullying/Tolerance	Option 1: Why is it important to try to understand how other people feel? How can understanding other people's differences stop people from being bullies? Option 2: Why do people bully? What can I do about bullying? Option 3: What could you do if you saw somebody being picked on? Option 4: Beating Bullies
3-5	Test Taking	How can using test taking skills help you show what you know on tests?
3-6	Careers	How can your school subjects, interest, and your skills relate to career development? How can I develop a resume that will successfully display my career interests and strengths?
3-7	Good Touch Bad Touch	
3-8	Good Touch Bad Touch	