



## Mission Statement

The mission of Gulf Shores Elementary School's comprehensive school counseling and guidance program is to effectively provide a motivating, safe, and trusting environment which empowers **all** students to become life-long emotional, social, academic, and career-oriented citizens.

## Referral Process

Parents and guardians may always schedule an appointment utilizing the contact information below.

Students may request to see a counselor by completing a referral form or by giving verbal indication to a teacher, staff member, principal, or counselor.

Ph: (215) 968-7375

Fax: (251) 968-7217

[jknight@gsboe.org](mailto:jknight@gsboe.org)

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Alabama 36542

For additional information, please feel free to make contact in person, via phone, or the web.

<https://gses.gsboe.org/departments/career-guidance-counseling>

<http://gsescounselors.weebly.com/>

## Your School Counselor



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# Ethical Guidelines

All students are entitled to informed consent. Should a child need extended individual or any small group counseling sessions, an informed consent form must be signed by a guardian prior to counseling.



Confidentiality will be secured within legal and ethical constraints, in consideration of the following exceptions: self-harm, endangerment of others by child, endangerment of child by others.

## Elementary School Counselor

### Meet Your School Counselors

Jennifer Knight is the PK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade professional school counselor at Gulf Shores Elementary School. Prior to becoming a school counselor, Mrs. Knight served as a kindergarten teacher and a special education teacher at both Gulf Shores Elementary and in her hometown of Cullman, AL.

Mrs. Knight graduated from Athens University with a BS in Collaborative Teaching K-6. She is also highly qualified in Elementary Education.

She attained her Master of School Counseling from the University of West Alabama and is certified in grades K-12 School Counseling. Mrs. Knight is a member of the American School Counseling Association.

#### Services Offered

##### Classroom Guidance

- Communication
- Character Traits
- Problem Solving
- Self-esteem.

##### Individual

- Intervention for academic, behavioral, and/or emotional concerns
- Academic
- Personal/social
- Career exploration

##### Small Group

- Changing families
- Grief
- Anxiety/test taking
- Other: Focusing on specific area of need

##### Other

- Parent/teacher consultation
- Community and parenting resource information

Jennifer Brutus is the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade professional school counselor at Gulf Shores Elementary School. She is from Memphis, TN. and has 28 years of experience in the education field. She moved to Gulf Shores six Years ago.

Mrs. Brutus graduated from the University of Memphis with a bachelor's degree in Special Education and is certified K-12. She has taught Special Education in an elementary, middle and high school setting. She attained her Master of Counseling from the University of Memphis and is certified in grades K-12 School Counseling and in Rehabilitation Counseling.

She has been a high school counselor in Tennessee and worked as a crisis counselor at a mental health facility.