

Meet The Counselor: Mr. Dante Lowery

Welcome to Miami Middle School and thanks for choosing us as your school of choice. I would like to tell you a little about myself. I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Indiana State University in 1997. I worked as a Juvenile Probation Officer for several years. I then obtained a Master's degree in Management from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2003. Lastly I obtained another Masters of Science in Education from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2012 for school counseling. I have a passion for youth and establishing a great relationship with students, parents/guardians, and staff. I'm very committed to your child's academic, social, and cultural growth at school. Here are the following roles I fulfill as school counselor:

- **Counseling Individual or Groups**
- **Divorce**
- **Grief Loss**
- **Friendships**
- **Bad Days**
- **Bullying Prevention Coordinator**
- **Heather's Law Coordinator (Dating Violence)**
- **Conflict Mediations**
- **College & Career Coordinator**
- **21st Century Scholar Coordinator**
- **Free & Reduced Meals/Textbook Representative**
- **Clothing Bank Representative**
- **Family In Need of Services Coordinator**
- **504 Coordinator**

Should you ever have any questions regarding these services, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email. Thanks

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Indian Counselor Corner



7th and 8th Grade Parents



Indiana's 21st Century Scholars Program is the state's premier college scholarship and preparation program for low-income Hoosier students. Students who fulfill the Scholar Pledge are provided up to four years of paid tuition at an eligible Indiana college or university. Scholars also receive a variety of support services designed to help them succeed in school and complete college. At Miami Middle school our goal is to have 100% enrollment for eligible 7th and 8th grade students. Please contact Mr. Lowery should you have any questions. Please fill out the form and return to Mr. Lowery for processing. Thanks

School Family Choice-High School Lottery

Attention parents/guardians and students. The high school lottery process will be here before you know it. 8th grade students need to be aware of three programs of study offered at Wayne High School which is our direct high school family. Application Deadline is on December 18, 2015. The lottery will be held on January 20, 2016. Here are the three areas of concentration.

Wayne-Traditional – Wayne high school students can obtain the Indiana Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, or Core 40 with Technical Honors.

Wayne – Business – The Early College Program has Wayne partnering with Ivy Tech to provide a rigorous Business Education program. With dual credit opportunities in Business as well as a number of core courses like English, mathematics and social studies, a Wayne student in the Early College program will be prepared to achieve success in the business world. Students begin earning college credits through Ivy Tech for free as early as their freshman year and build toward an Associate’s Degree over four years.

We Are Wayne Brochure-PDF

Wayne – New Tech Academy – New Tech Academy is a national demonstration site for its outstanding use of project-based learning. Students are engaged and challenged daily as they are enrolled in integrated classes using new technologies. Students learn in an innovative and professional environment, fostered by the use of advanced learning methods and technology.

New Tech Academy Brochure-PDF

Indiana Core 40 Requirements-PDF

Please contact Mr. Lowery if you have any additional questions about this process. Thanks

We Are Miami

We are Wayne

We Are Family

IDOE Bullying Categories

Categories of Bullying for Indiana Department of Education Reporting:

• Physical	• Social/Relational
• Verbal	• Electronic/Written Communication

What is Bullying?

Bullying is defined as:

- Unwanted, aggressive behavior involving real or perceived power imbalance
- Acts repeated – or with the potential to be repeated – over time
- Physical, verbal, social/relational and/or electronic/written acts
- Committed by FWCS student or students
- Committed with intent to harass or harm another FWCS student
- Creating a school environment for the targeted student that a reasonable person would believe is hostile (reasonable fear of harm, substantial interference with enjoyment of school, etc.)
- Occurring within or outside of school at any time
- Fostering a climate of fear and disrespect that can impair the physical and psychological health of its victims and create conditions that negatively affect learning
- An imbalance of power involving the use of physical strength or popularity to access embarrassing information to control or harm others

Definitions

- **Physical bullying** - hurting a person's body or possessions, including hitting, kicking, punching, spitting, tripping, pushing, taking or breaking someone's things and making mean or rude hand gestures
- **Verbal bullying** - saying mean things, including teasing, name-calling, inappropriate sexual comments, taunting or threatening to cause harm
- **Social/relational bullying** - hurting someone's reputation or relationships, such as telling other children not to be friends with someone, leaving someone out on purpose, spreading rumors about someone or embarrassing someone in public.
- **Electronic/written communication** – cyber-bullying, collective or group note writing, any bullying undertaken through the use of electronic devices (computer, cell phones, etc.).

Considerations in determining if the behavior meets the definition of bullying:

- The **history** between the individuals – Have there been past conflicts? Have these individuals had a dating relationship? (This may not be considered bullying.)
- **Power differential** – Is there an imbalance of power? (Power imbalance is not limited to physical strength.)
- **Repetition** – Has this or a similar incident happened before? Is the individual worried that it may happen again?
- **Gang membership** – Are any of the individuals involved with a gang? (This may result in interventions different from bullying.)

Should you have any questions regarding bullying or potential bullying, please contact Mr. Lowery (school counselor) at 260-467-8560. Thanks