

## Math, Science & Technology Community Charter School

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Hello,

Welcome back to a brand new school year! I want to take a moment to personally introduce myself. My name is Nicole Smith and I am the 5-8 Middle School Counselor at MaST Community Charter School. I am looking forward to working with you and your family to help enhance your child's academic experience. MaST is filled with dedicated teachers, motivated students, and it is an overall wonderful place to call home. It is my hope that you feel a sense of confidence and security in knowing that all of our staff members have your child's best interest in mind.

It is important to know that not only does MaST focus on and care about your child's academic success, but we also keep a watchful eye on your child's personal and emotional health. It is my personal expectation to provide excellent service in addressing these areas. While my role is complex, my main responsibility is to help remove any barriers, which may impact your child academically, personally, socially, and emotionally.

My duties at MaST take me beyond the walls of my office. I conduct individual and group counseling sessions, interact with parents, and conduct classroom observations. I move into the classroom and run guidance lessons and consult with teachers on a daily basis. I consult with outside mental health agencies, implement academic screenings and counsel families. My responsibilities continue onto school-wide activities and implementing school-wide positive behavior techniques.

During the first semester of this year (September until early December 2016), I am supervising a School Counseling intern who is completing her Master's Degree. My intern will be meeting with various students for individual and group counseling sessions and I will always be present for supervision during these sessions. Also, my intern will follow my daily schedule to fully learn about all aspects of the school counseling field.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 267-348-1183. Once again, welcome to MaST and I look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,

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