



Elementary School Counselors' Re-Entry: Strategies for Returning to Campus

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Q: How can I get the resources and links, a forced copy link of your virtual office slide and will you share your needs assessment with us?

A: This presentation, questions/answers (FAQ doc) and slides will be made available for FREE on www.rcec.us. This information will also be emailed out to all registered participants.

Q: How did you make the students, and teachers aware of your virtual office? Video, presentation, staff meetings, workshop, teachers sharing information out?

A: We asked an employee at the school site who was in charge of Class Dojo announcements to push it out through the Class Dojo platform, that way all of the students and parents received the notification.

Q: Were you doing minute meetings one on one, or having the whole class fill it out at one time?

A: Minute meetings are individual. Doodle is a great tool for scheduling, also Sign Up Genius. Both of which are free. Doodle can be integrated with your Outlook calendar

Q: Do you do minute meetings for all grade levels?

A: Yes, you can do minute meetings for all grade levels.

Q: How often do you do minute meetings?

A: Some School Counselors do minute meetings quarterly, if possible. It all depends on your schedules.

Q: Do you see students for minute meetings through a break out room, in person, or do they click on your link?

A: Minute meetings can be generally done in person or in a virtual setting via breakout rooms but they are best when individually done.

Q: Can you expand on how you check-in on your staff, please?

A: Monday or Wednesday check-ins have helped staff. This is done as needed and staff can request support through our school counseling program links. We help them with any mental health needs we are able to provide and may refer out in cases.

Q: What state or county are you in? Some students haven't returned & may not until Aug. or Sept.

A: We are in Florida and have been back since mid-August, but are providing our tips and resources to you because you are either re-opened, preparing to re-open, or re-opening in the Fall of 2021. No matter when your school reopens, these resources will help you in regards to managing and balancing the school re-entry process.

Q: What has it looked like in your role as a School Counselor when delivering classroom lessons or groups? Are you allowed into the classrooms, are you still delivering content online, do you run groups outside or online?

A: Currently sites are doing both groups online and on campus. They are breaking up days and times and when needed going into classrooms to speak to students. Classroom lessons have been somewhat easier and some teachers have become more welcoming, recognizing that students need the SEL support.

Q: How did you get needs assessments back from teachers?

A: Some SC's offer incentives to teachers for getting the assessments back to them timely, while others need reminders. Keep in mind that you won't get them all back, but as long as you attempt to you will receive a good amount back.