

Pompano Beach High School  
Peer Counseling  
Course Syllabus  
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**Course Description:** The purpose of the Peer Counseling program is to promote the health, well being and safety of young people through peer education and referral. This program trains secondary students to act as helpers and active listeners for their fellow students. The core of the program addresses skill building in communication, problem solving and decision-making. It also addresses a multitude of social individual, school and family concerns. The focus of the curriculum is preventative. A variety of intervention strategies are employed, however, to educate and motivate students and to involve trained professionals when needed. The results can be healthier students and staff with lower stress levels, a more positive and safer school climate, and a better utilization of school and community resources.

**HOW DOES THE PEER COUNSELING PROGRAM OPERATE WITHIN A SCHOOL?** Through classroom instruction, role-playing and skill building activities, peer counselors are trained to help their fellow students. They respond to requests by administration, teachers, counselors, students, parents, and others. In addition to working with students individually and in groups, the peer counselors provide presentations, welcome new students, promote special projects, assist special groups or classes within the school and provide outreach services to schools within their zone.

**CLASS RULES:**

- ❖ Be on time!
- ❖ Respect yourself and others at all time.
- ❖ Absolutely NO FOOD or DRINK in class, unless permission is given.
- ❖ Absolutely no cell phones or similar electronic devices, unless permission has been granted by instructor to do so. Phones will be confiscated and turned into administration.
- ❖ Absolutely no recording, or taking pictures of any kind while in class or on assignment unless permission is given. There will be ZERO TOLERANCE regarding cellphones/cameras. Violation of this rule, student will receive a zero for the day along with an administration referral.
- ❖ Bullying will not be tolerated.
- ❖ Appropriate language and behavior is expected at all times.
- ❖ One is expected to contribute to the learning of one another in the course by being prepared for class and engaging in and contribution to the learning in the course.
- ❖ PEER COUNSELORS WILL MAINTAIN TOTAL PRIVACY WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THEIR GROUP AND WITH INDIVIDUAL CLIENTS. BREACH OF PRIVACY IN OR OUT OF CLASSROOM WILL RESULT IN PRIVILEGES BEING LOST.

**HONOR CODE:** Pompano Beach High School prides itself on preparing students for the rigors of college. It is therefore imperative that students do their own work so that they learn content accurately. The faculty expects academic integrity: therefore, students must abide by the PBHS Honor Code when they complete assignments, test, quizzes, projects, and all other work, both in class and out of class.

**EXPECTED PARTICIPATION:** All students enrolled in this course are expected to participate in all daily activities with SUFFICIENT EFFORT. Students are expected to fully cooperate with instructor. Non-compliant students will lose participation points for that day.

**GRADING POLICY:** Grades for Peer Counseling will be based on 100% Grading Scale.

25%	Mentor Binder	15%	Portfolio Binder
30%	Participation	30%	Projects

**SUPPLIES:** (1) 3 Ring Binder, (1) sets of dividers, sheet protectors, colored pencils, markers, flash drive, Composition book/Journal, book, and an open mind.

<b>Additional Material:</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
	Peer Counseling ID Badge	\$5
	Peer Counseling T shirt	\$15

**EXAMS/QUIZZES:** All exams will be in the form of either an essay, project, and/or participation of the Mentor Program.

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**Acknowledgement Receipt**

Student Name: (clearly print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PEER COUNSELING PACING GUIDE**  
**MRS. DOOLING**  
**2015-2016**

September:

BCPS Character Trait: Cooperation  
Month Observance: Friendship/Hispanic Heritage  
Week Observance: Choose Peace Stop Violence

October:

BCPS Character Trait: Responsibility  
Month Observance: Bully Prevention/Diversity  
Week Observance: Red Ribbon Week & LBGTQ/ALLY  
Day Observance: National Mix It Up Day At Lunch

November:

BCPS Character Trait: Citizenship  
Month Observance: Harvest  
Week Observance: Hunger & Homelessness & Anti Bullying

December:

BCPS Character Trait: Kindness  
Month Observance: HIV/AIDS & Drunk & Drugged Driving  
Week Observance: Hunger & Homelessness

January:

BCPS Character Trait: Respect  
Month Observance: Mentoring  
Week Observance: No Name Calling

February:

BCPS Character Trait: Honesty  
Month Observance: Black History & Teen Dating Violence & Prevention  
Week Observance: Black HIV/AIDS

March:

BCPS Character Trait: Self Control  
Month Observance: Nutrition & Women in History  
Week Observance: Youth Violence Prevention

April:

BCPS Character Trait: Tolerance  
Month Observance: Sexual Transmitted Diseases/Alcohol Awareness  
Child Abuse  
Days of Observance: Denim Day/Day of Silence/Healthy School

May:

PBHSPC Character Trait: Tolerance

Month Observance: Physical Fitness & Sport/ Haitian Heritage

Week Observance: Teacher Appreciation

June:

PBHSPC Character Trait: Patience

Month Observance: LGBTQ Pride Month

