



Good Counsel Learning Center



A ministry of the
School Sisters
of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province

One-to-One *we make learning fun*

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Welcome!

We are happy to greet all of our new and returning students. We, the Good Counsel Learning Center staff, are eager to work with each and every student in making progress. This is an exciting challenge.

LOCATION

The Learning Center is located in the SSND Campus building at 170 Good Counsel Drive (just south of Riverfront and Highway 14). It is housed in the north and south basement (**lowest**) corridors of St. Joseph Hall.

Daytime Classes: Use the main entrance (blue canopy) from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm. Go up the stairs to the Reception Desk to sign in and get a visitor's badge. Do not go down the stairs to the conference area.

After School Classes: Use the entrance labeled **Learning Center**, come in and go down

the stairs. Teachers will meet students there and take them to their assigned rooms.

The **office** is located in the south corridor.

The **restrooms** are UNISEX. There is one located in both the north and south corridors.

A **sitting area** is provided in the north corridor near the Library, with materials to help entertain younger children.

ATTENDANCE

It is important that students - adults and children - attend regularly and be on time. Please contact us if the student will be absent or late for class.

Learning Center:
507-389-4229

Reception Desk:
507-389-4200

Teachers will not wait more than 10 minutes for their students to show up. Unexcused absent students will be charged the regular fee.

Students who miss three (3) classes without being excused will be discontinued.

The MISSION

of the Good Counsel Learning Center, a ministry of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, is to respond to the educational needs of children, youth, men and women of diverse backgrounds, enabling all to become independent and productive members of the Greater Mankato community.

PAYMENTS

The charge is \$25 for each hour attended. Families/individuals are required to complete a Financial Agreement to indicate their plan for making payments: monthly, weekly, or daily.

Checks are payable to the **Good Counsel Learning Center**.

If scholarship help is needed, request an application from the Office and provide documentation that indicates a financial need.

WHO'S NEW?? OUR DIRECTOR!



S. Dorothy Zeller, SSND, began her position at the Learning Center in mid-August. She has a BA in Elementary Education and an MA in Catholic School Leadership. She has been a teacher or principal for 49 years in 9 Catholic elementary schools in MN, IA, WA, ND, and AZ. She is excited to be back in Mankato as part of the Learning Center staff. She is eager to get to know our students and their families!

MEET OUR STAFF LEARNING CENTER TUTORS

S. Lucia Aschenbrener
S. Lucille Dehen
S. Jackie Jost
S. Anita Kolles
S. Rose Marie Krebs
S. Joann McMahon
S. Mary Donald Miller
S. Helen Robeck
S. Rose Schwab
S. Jacinta Simones
S. June Marie Tacheny
S. Vincent Marie Teuber

LIBRARY

S. Joan Kettler
S. Thelma Vetsch

OFFICE

S. Dorothy Zeller,
Director

FINANCE

Judy Mensing

REFUGEE OUTREACH PROGRAM

S. Elise Silvestri,
Coordinator

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The Good Counsel Learning Center abides by the weather decision made by District 77. The Learning Center is closed any time there are school closures or early dismissals as announced on the radio and television. If you live in another district, please call if your district closes differently from District 77. Do not put your life or that of your child in danger to get here.

LIBRARY

The Good Counsel Learning Center has developed an exceptional collection of books for students of all ages and abilities. Teachers and librarians encourage students to check out a book, preferably with the guidance of the tutor. All parents are welcome to look over the books offered to the children.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. The Learning Center was begun in 1967 under the name of Good Counsel Reading Center.
2. Since 1967 over 2,500 students have been served during the school year; over 1,500 students during the summer sessions.
3. Age level of students has ranged from grade and high school students, adults, college students, and ELL students.
4. Students are taught by School Sisters of Notre Dame who are experienced teachers well qualified to help students improve. Many qualified lay teachers have been hired when needed.
5. Students from Mankato and surrounding towns attend the Learning Center for special help.
6. The areas of concentration at the Center are reading, math, language arts skills and ELL.
7. The Good Counsel Learning Center has made and is making a valuable contribution to the lives of many in the greater Mankato Area.