

## Mercer Island High School Building Guidance Team

The Building Guidance Team (BGT) is a team that meets weekly and is made up of student support personnel who are typically not classroom teachers. Counselors, administrators, support personnel, and/or teachers present students to the team each week. The BGT then matches appropriate resources to student needs in a manner that is:

- in the best interest of the student (in both the immediate and the long term)
- consistent with school and district policies and state law
- appropriate and reasonable in the operation of the classroom and school

The Mercer Island High School BGT meets weekly. The team includes all four MIHS principals, school counselors (by alphabet), the target team coordinator, the school nurse, the school psychologist, two Mercer Island Youth and Family Services counselors, the special education department chair, and the counseling department secretary. On occasion there are rare situations where a family may attend a BGT meeting, but typically families work more closely with their student's counselor, associate principal and related personnel directly. Students referred to the BGT are at risk academically, socially and/or emotionally. They have typically reached a critical status and other interventions have been previously attempted. Other situations that would prioritize an issue would be emergencies or unexpected, and/or unique, circumstances.

Mark Roschy, Assistant Principal at the Crest Learning Center, chairs the Building Guidance Team and maintains the agenda and minutes. If you have any questions contact him or your student's counselor or associate principal directly.