

Employee Spotlight: Craig Dollins School Counselor

I was born and raised in Berea, Kentucky, and proudly attended Berea Community Schools from kindergarten through twelfth grade. My family has deep roots in the district—I am a third-generation Pirate, currently have a niece attending Berea Community Middle School, and am raising a two-year-old daughter who will one day also be a Pirate.

From an early age, I knew I wanted to work at Berea Community Schools and give back to the community that helped shape who I am. I was raised with the values of respecting others, lending a helping hand, and being a friend to everyone—principles that naturally led me to the field of school counseling.

For those new to the area, Berea Community Schools is truly a special place. Our schools are filled with encouragement, acceptance, and a commitment to laying a strong foundation so students can achieve their dreams. As the Elementary School Counselor at BCES, my goal is to play a small but meaningful role in helping students grow into positive contributors to society. At the heart of that goal is ensuring students come to a building every day where they feel supported, valued, and genuinely cared for. That was my experience as a student at BCS, and it is my hope to continue that tradition for the next generation.

In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my wife and daughter. I also enjoy coaching basketball at Berea Community High School, watching sports, collecting comic books, and—most importantly—playing with dinosaur puppets.

