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Career, Technical and Agricultural Education School Guidance and Counseling Services

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Professional School Counseling

Fundamental School Counseling Program Questions:

- Does your administrator know and understand the scope and vision of your school counseling program?
- Have you developed data-driven results and objectives of your program?
- How will your work be measured?
- What defines a good school counseling program?

School counselors design and deliver comprehensive school counseling programs that promote student achievement. These programs are comprehensive in scope, preventive in design and developmental in nature. A comprehensive school counseling program is standards-based and data driven, and an integral component of the school's academic mission. It focuses on academic, career, and social/emotional curriculum that is delivered through classroom lessons, small group, and individual consultation. (Cobb County)

In Georgia, the College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI) provides the student data necessary for accountability data.

School counselors focus their skills, time, and energy on direct and indirect services to students. To achieve maximum program effectiveness, the ASCA recommends a school counselor ratio of 1:250 and that school counselors spend 80 percent or more of their time in direct and indirect services to students. (ASCA National Model- A Framework School Counseling Programs: Third Edition, 2012).

The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) has identified four counselor skills that help to articulate the new role of school counselors. They are:

- Leadership
- Advocacy
- Collaboration
- Systemic Change

ASCA has also identified four other components of an effective 21st Century school counseling delivery system. These are:

- Guidance Curriculum
- Individual Student Planning
- Responsive Services
- System Support

School counseling has undergone a transformation from a program of entitlement to one of performance and continuous improvement. What is working with and for students? School counselors now focus on improved student results that measure the impact of goals and objectives. The essential question becomes” How has student academic achievement improved as a result of what counselors do”?

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Helpful Links

- [Capstone Career-Related Project](#)
- [School Guidance and Counseling Helpful Links](#)
- [BRIDGE brochure](#)
- [Elementary and Middle School Career Cluster Guidance and Classroom Activities](#)
- [School Counselors Professional Learning presentation](#)
- [Counseling Pyramid explanation](#)
- [Human Trafficking Prevention Curriculum](#)



