



Support School Counselors

Texas School Counselors often serve well over 450 students. To manage large caseloads, roles and responsibilities must be clear and focused to meet the needs of the students. School counselors are responsible for:

Direct Student Services

Direct services are in-person interactions between school counselors and students and include the following:

School Counseling Core Curriculum: This curriculum consists of structured lessons designed to help students attain the desired competencies and to provide all students with the knowledge, attitudes and skills appropriate for their developmental level. The school counseling core curriculum is delivered throughout the school's overall curriculum and is systematically presented by school counselors in collaboration with other professional educators in K-12 classroom and group activities.

Individual Student Planning: School counselors coordinate ongoing systemic activities designed to assist students in establishing personal goals and developing future plans.

Responsive Services: Responsive services are activities designed to meet students' immediate needs and concerns. Responsive services may include counseling in individual or small-group settings or crisis response.

Indirect Student Services

Indirect services are provided on behalf of students as a result of the school counselors' interactions with others including referrals for additional assistance, consultation and collaboration with parents, teachers, other educators and community organizations.

(from ASCA National Model: A Framework for School Counseling Programs)

Proposed Bill Language

100% of school counselors' time will be devoted to the roles and responsibilities of the profession. This will include 80% direct services for students and families and 20% indirect services to design, implement, and analyze the progress of a comprehensive school counseling program.

Figure 2: Statewide Student-to-Counselor Ratio, 2000-2014



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Vision:

To expand the image and influence of school counselors in the state of Texas.

Mission:

To empower school counselors with the knowledge and skills in order to promote professionalism and ethical practices by providing leadership, advocacy, and professional development.

