

WHO ARE SCHOOL COUNSELORS?

School counselors are certified/licensed educators who improve student success for ALL students by implementing a comprehensive school counseling program.

SUPPORT AT ALL LEVELS

ELEMENTARY

MIDDLE
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HIGH
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THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELORS



School counselors are vital members of the school's education team and maximize student success.

School counselors help all students:

- apply academic achievement strategies
- manage emotions and apply interpersonal skills
- plan for postsecondary options (higher education, military, workforce)



Appropriate school counseling activities include providing:

- lessons based on student success standards
- individual student academic planning and goal setting
- short-term counseling to students (individual and small group)
- referrals for long-term support
- collaboration with families/teachers/administrators/community for student success
- advocacy for students
- data analysis to identify student issues, needs, and challenges



SCHOOL COUNSELOR QUALIFICATIONS

- Hold, at minimum, a master's degree in school counseling
- Meet the state certification/licensure standards
- Fulfill continuing education requirements
- Uphold ASCA ethical and professional standards



Why Elementary School Counselors?

The elementary school years set the foundation for developing the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary for children to become healthy, competent and confident learners. Elementary school counselors have an impact on these years by implementing a school counseling program and collaborating with school staff, parents, and the community to create a safe and respectful learning environment. Elementary school counselors help their students achieve academic success, develop an understanding of career opportunities, and develop self-management and social skills in response to issues they face.