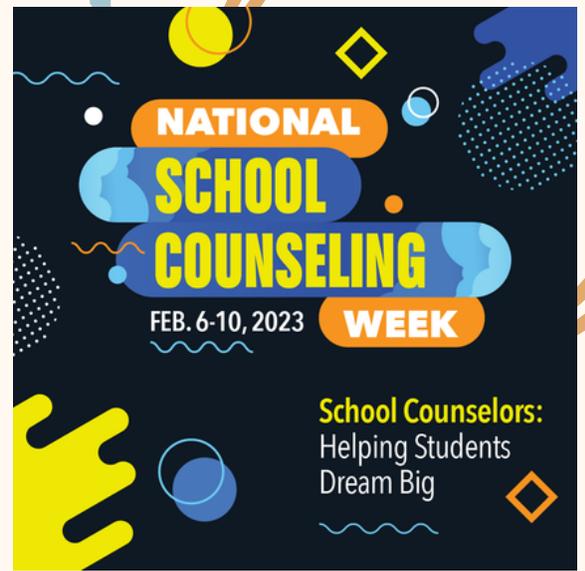


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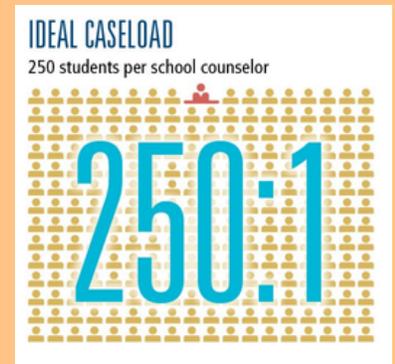
# gp COUNSELING CORNER



## Role of the School Counselor

### School Counselors Help All Students:

- Apply academic achievement strategies
- Manage emotions and apply interpersonal skills
- Plan for postsecondary options



### School Counselor Qualifications

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

### Ideal Caseload: 250 students per school counselor

School counselors design and deliver school counseling programs that improve student outcomes. They lead, advocate and collaborate to promote equity and access for all students by connecting their school counseling program to the school's academic mission and school improvement plan. They uphold the ethical and professional standards of ASCA and promote the development of the school counseling program based on the following areas of the ASCA National Model: define, deliver, manage and assess.

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## Appropriate Duties Include Providing:

- Individual student academic planning and goal setting
- School counseling classroom lessons based on student success standards.
- Short-term counseling to students
- Referrals for long-term support
- Collaboration with families/teachers/administrators/community for student success.
- Advocacy for students at individual education plan meetings and other student-focused meetings
- Data analysis to identify student issues, needs, and challenges
- Acting as a systems change agent to improve equity and access, achievement, and opportunities for all students.

### **Early 1900s**

Vocational guidance begins in secondary schools as a position without an organizational structure

### **1920**

School Counseling shifts from vocational guidance to counseling for personal adjustment

### **1930s**

Concept of guidance services emerges as part of pupil personnel services.

### **1940s/1950s**

Federal legislation increases school counselor training and number of positions

## *A Brief History*

### **1952**

American School Counselor Association formed

### **1960s**

School Counseling takes root in elementary schools

### **1980s/1990s**

Role and functions of school counselors is of concern; many states adopt state models for counseling programs.

### **2001**

Federal legislation acknowledges the terminology switch from guidance counselor to school counselor

### **2003**

ASCA releases a national school counseling model.

### **2003-present**

Many states and districts adopt the ASCA National Model as their model for school counseling programs.

### **2019**

ASCA National, fourth edition, streamlines and clarifies language to reflect the current state of education.



