

SCHOOL COUNSELING AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN

Florida House Bill 769, which was passed during the 2004 legislative session, addressed the need for innovative secondary and postsecondary workforce education programs as well as improvements to school counseling and academic advisement. Hillsborough County Public School's school counseling plan was written to include the required components and services that every school counseling department should provide, along with the resources and training necessary to successfully deliver the comprehensive school counseling program.

The plan contains activities, resources, training requirements, job descriptions, calendars, evaluations, student outcomes and accountability measures. The Department of School Counseling Services is committed to providing this systematic school counseling and accountability program so that all students may reach their highest potential.

School Counseling Services Our Philosophy

A comprehensive school counseling program is an integral part of the educational process. It fosters the academic, career, and personal/social development of students so that they become productive and responsible citizens in a diverse and global community.

School counselors interact not only with students, but also with parents, teachers, administrators, and outside agencies and organizations in order to provide the best educational environment and opportunities for all students. School counselors are committed partners in student achievement.

HOW DO SCHOOL COUNSELORS ASSIST STUDENTS?

School counselors focus on the following major areas of service and often in collaboration with other educators. Examples of topics in which school counselors are typically involved:

Academic Achievement

- Academic Advisement
- Academic Interventions/Accommodations
- Awards and Recognitions
- Child Study Team (CST)
- College Planning
- Programming, Student Scheduling
- Student Records/Transcripts
- Student Success Skills
- Testing: Use and Interpretation



Career Development

- My Career Shines
- Career Awareness and Exploration
- Career and Postsecondary Planning
- Labor Market Trends
- Military Careers
- Business Partnerships



Personal/Social Development

- Abuse and Neglect Issues
- Anger Management
- Bullying Prevention
- Crisis Intervention
- Goal Setting
- Interpersonal Relationships
- Peer Mediation/Conflict Resolution
- Self-Esteem Building
- Sexual Harassment
- Spirit of Unity
- Substance Abuse



Community/Parent Involvement

- Bilingual School Counseling Services
- College Night Programs
- Community Resources & Information
- Financial Aid Nights
- Scholarship Information
- School Counseling Services Newsletters
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Pasos al Futuro
- Community Service



SCHOOL COUNSELORS PROVIDE SERVICES FOR:

STUDENTS

- Assist in conflict resolution
- Assist Services with peer relationships, self-concept, and family relationships
- Advocate for students
- Provide crisis counseling
- Make appropriate referrals for services within the school and community
- Provide individual and small group counseling
- Present classroom guidance activities
- Interpret academic and career test results
- Encourage student attendance and positive behavior



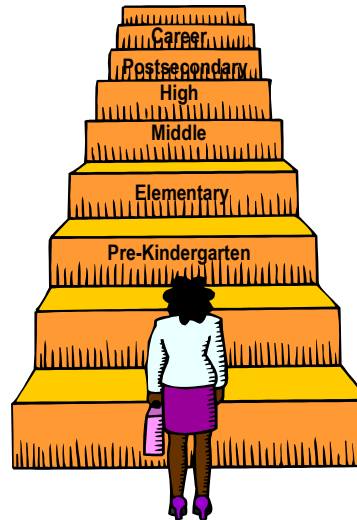
PARENTS

- Communicate and exchange information with parents via conferences, parent education workshops, and newsletters
- Provide consultation with parents to facilitate their child's school attendance, academic achievement and personal growth

TEACHERS

- Consult with teachers regarding student academic achievement, personal/social development, and future plans.
- Facilitate parent/teacher conferences
- Inservice faculty on guidance-related issues
- Assist teachers with school and district resources

PERFORMANCE IN SCHOOL
IS THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL
POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
AND CAREER GOALS!



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COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM

A PLAN FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

*District Vision:
Preparing Students for Life*

*District Mission:
To provide an education and the
supports which enable each
student to excel as a successful
and responsible citizen.*