

The Roles of a School Counselor



Who we are!



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The changing role of a school counselor

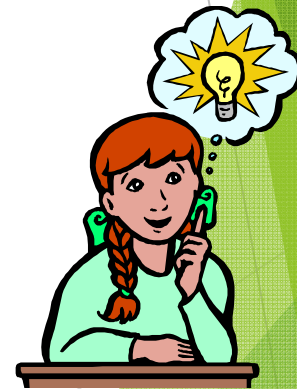
- No longer just a guidance counselor for students
 - Personal/social development
 - Academic success
 - Career awareness
 - Goal setting
- Focus is on supporting the entire school community
 - Students
 - Teachers
 - Support staff
 - Parents/guardians
 - Administration



What does a school counselor do?

The 4 C's of school counseling

- Consulting
- Counseling
- Curriculum
- Coordination



Consulting

We serve as student advocates by consulting with students, parents, teachers, and others regarding strategies to help students and their families.



Examples of consulting

- ▶ Administrative
- ▶ Parent/teacher conferences
- ▶ BOCES
 - Special education
 - Career academy
 - Career and technical education
- ▶ Team meetings
- ▶ CSE meetings
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Other districts
- ▶ RTI
- ▶ Staff (teachers, aides, nurses, bus drivers, etc.)
- ▶ Outside agencies
 - ▶ DSS
 - ▶ Mental health
 - ▶ Probation
 - ▶ Child protective services
 - ▶ Preventative
 - ▶ Law enforcement

Counseling

- ▶ Counseling is a dynamic and continuous process to help students successfully navigate their educational, vocational, and personal/social goals.

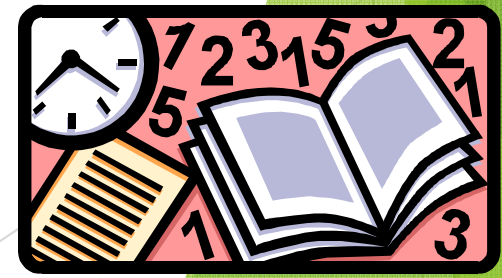
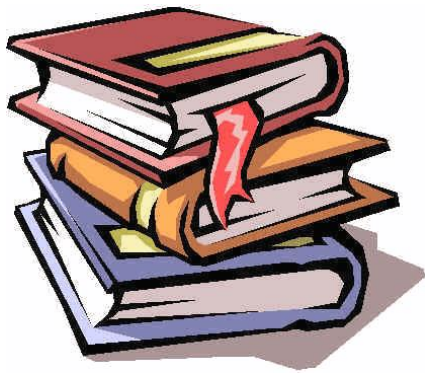


Examples of counseling

- ▶ Individual
- ▶ Group
- ▶ IEP counseling
- ▶ Walk-ins
- ▶ Attendance/truancy
- ▶ Academic skills support
- ▶ College/career
- ▶ Crisis
- ▶ Grief
- ▶ Hygiene
- ▶ Test anxiety
- ▶ Self-esteem
- ▶ Substance abuse
- ▶ Problem solving
- ▶ Goal setting
- ▶ Sexual identity
- ▶ Abuse victims
- ▶ Peer conflict mediation
- ▶ Scheduling ó course selection
- ▶ Employment

Curriculum

As counselors, we have a set curriculum, just as teachers do, that is mandated by the state. We teach from these standards to all classes during our classroom guided instruction.



Examples of curriculum

- ▶ Post secondary education
- ▶ AVP
- ▶ Character education
- ▶ Olweus
- ▶ Career planning
 - Guidance direct
 - Career zone
- ▶ College representatives
- ▶ PSAT/SAT/ACT/AP
- ▶ UPK-5 assault prevention
- ▶ 5th and 8th grade transition
- ▶ CADD
- ▶ Self awareness
- ▶ Conflict resolution
- ▶ Youth assistance program
prison trip
- ▶ Scheduling
- ▶ Attendance

Coordination

Coordinate the efforts of school personnel, families and community service agencies to provide services for children

- Team Approach
 - Administrators
 - Teachers
 - Students
 - Families
 - Outside agencies

- Same goal = student success
 - Academic, personal/social



Examples of Coordination

▶ **Students programs**

- ▶ School to work
- ▶ RTI
- ▶ Homeroom adventure
- ▶ HOBY
- ▶ Girls and Boys State
- ▶ Women helping girls make choices
- ▶ It's a guy thing
- ▶ BOCES tours (8th and 10th grade)
- ▶ Career Academy
- ▶ Edgenuity/distance learning
- ▶ STEM/Unatego Business Program
- ▶ Classroom speakers
- ▶ College admissions/financial aid

▶ **Administrative**

- ▶ Testing coordination
- ▶ NYS Regents
- ▶ SAT, PSAT, ACT, AP, ASVAB
- ▶ 3rd through 8th grade NYS ELA & mathematics
- ▶ 4th and 8th grade NYS science exams
- ▶ Creation of master schedule
- ▶ Scheduling of all students
- ▶ SchoolTool
- ▶ IEP Direct
- ▶ Grief response

Coordination

▶ **Student Management**

- ▶ Transcripts/report cards
- ▶ Graduation rehearsal and ceremony planning
- ▶ Scholarship coordinator
- ▶ Student registration
- ▶ New student orientation
- ▶ Tutoring (suspensions and illness)
- ▶ Summer school registration
- ▶ Kindergarten screening
- ▶ IEPs/ 504 plans
- ▶ AIS
- ▶ College credit courses (SUNY Delhi and Broome Community College)

▶ **Referral Agencies**

- ▶ DSS
- ▶ CPS
- ▶ Preventative services ó PINS
- ▶ Drug & alcohol

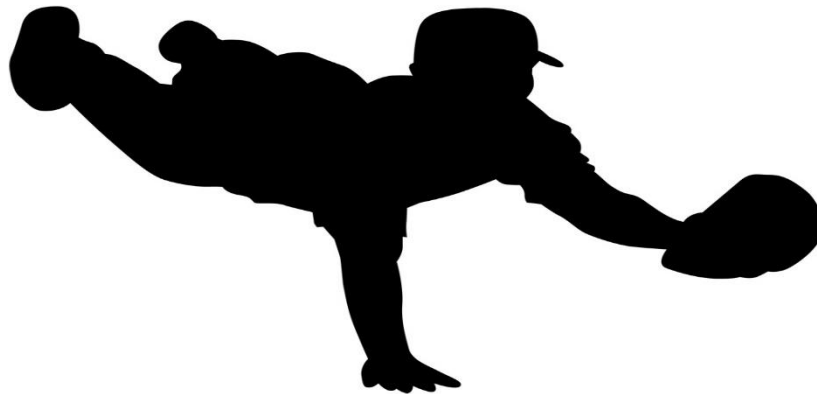
▶ **Data collection and sharing**

- ▶ Graduation rates
- ▶ Truancy rates
- ▶ Regents scores
- ▶ Test results
- ▶ RTI

What else?

We are catch-all people. If someone does not know where to go, they usually seek out a School Counselor.

Unless with another student, we always have an open-door policy.



Questions?



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