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

**WHO ARE SCHOOL COUNSELORS?**

**Employed at all levels**

- Elementary
- Middle/Junior High
- High School

Also employed in district supervisory positions; and school counselor education positions.

**School Counselor’s Role**

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

- Help all students:
  - apply academic achievement strategies
  - manage emotions and apply interpersonal skills
  - plan for postsecondary options (higher education, military, work force)

- 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

**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

**Ideal Caseload**

250 students per school counselor

For more information, resources please visit www.schoolcounselor.org