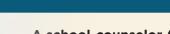
IMPACT OF SCHOOL-COUNSELOR-TO-STUDENT RATIOS ON STUDENT OUTCOMES

Study shows impact of school counselor ratios on student outcomes.

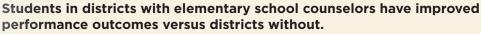
WHAT ARE THE FINDINGS?



A school-counselor-to-student ratio of 1:250 has a significant effect on student attendance, SAT mathematics, SAT writing and SAT verbal scores.

In Indiana, the average school-counselor-to-student ratio of 1:250 resulted in:

- 0.3% higher attendance (i.e. every day in a school of 1,000 students, three more students attend class than otherwise).
- 18 points higher SAT mathematics scores.
- 19 points higher SAT verbal scores.
- 16 points higher SAT writing scores.



Connecticut school districts report

- Schools with K-12 school counselors:
- ▶ 69.4% report graduation rates greater than 90 percent.
- Schools without elementary school counselors:
 - ▶ 45.8% report graduation rates greater than 90 percent.
 - ▶ Approximately 72% of school districts provide no comprehensive school counseling services to students in grades K-5.

Lower-performing schools/schools in lower-socioeconomic-status communities maintain higher caseloads than higher-performing schools.

In Connecticut:

- High-performing schools average school-counselor-to-student ratio:
 High school = 1:182 Middle school = 1:211
- Low-performing schools average school-counselor-to-student ratio:High school = 1:285 Middle school = 1:891

Read the full report: www.schoolcounselor.org/effectiveness

SOURCE: ASCA grant-funded research of school counselor ratios and student outcomes in three states (Indiana, Connecticut, and New York).

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- Lowering ratios allows school counselors to effectively deliver a comprehensive school counseling program to better meet students' academic, career and social/emotional needs
- Socioeconomic status and community resources have an impact on school counselors' ability to effectively deliver comprehensive school counseling programs.
- School-counselorto-student ratios may be optimal at 1:250, but grade level and socioeconomic factors of a district require close consideration.

