



School Counselors




The Role of the PLSD School Counselor



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

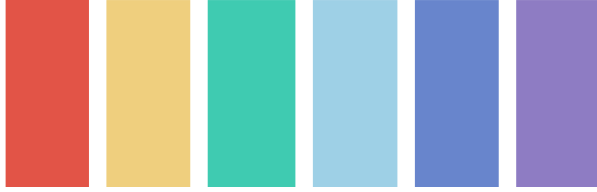
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School Counselors are...



PSD's comprehensive school counseling program follows the [ASCA National Model](#) as well as the [Texas Model for Comprehensive School Counseling Programs](#).

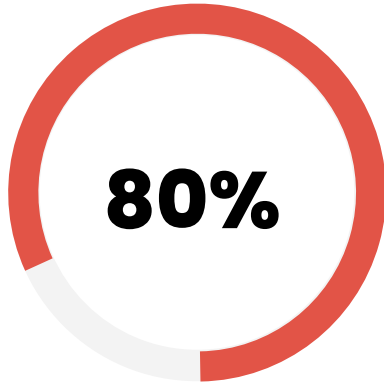
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What does a
school counselor
do all day?

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How counselors spend their time...



Direct Services

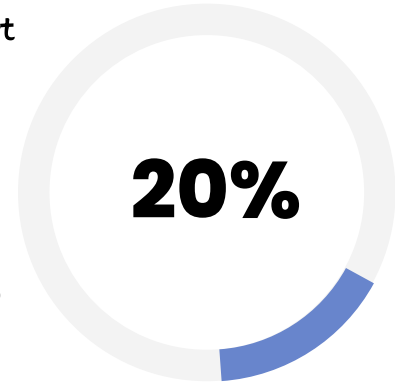
- Goal Setting
- Individual Counseling
- Small Group Counseling
- Classroom Lessons
- Responsive Services
- Appraisal, Advisement and CCMR Support (**see next slide)

Indirect Services

- Teacher/Admin consultation
- Collaboration
- Referrals

Program Planning and School Support

- Defining, Managing, Assessing Activities
- Reviewing School Data
- Developing Annual Student Outcome Goals
- Creating Classroom and Group Action Plans
- Fair Share Responsibilities



EVERY DAY IS DIFFERENT

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What is Appraisal, Advisement and CCMR Support?

Course Selections

Identify appropriate students for advanced academic opportunities

Academic Strengths

Assess strengths and weaknesses and establish goals

At-Risk Support

Monitor students and meet with parents and teachers



Endorsement Selection

Four-year planning, graduation requirements

CCMR Activities

Provide access to college fairs, career days, college visits, career exploration

College Assistance

FAFSA/TASFA completion, scholarships, college acceptance, military enlistment

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More about Direct Services

Instruction/Guidance curriculum is provided to ALL students in a large group or classroom setting.

Elementary Requirements	Secondary Requirements
Orientation to Counseling Program	
Bullying/Cyberbullying Prevention/Harassment	
Violence Prevention/Conflict Resolution	
College, Career & Military Readiness (CCMR)	
Suicide Prevention/Mental Health & Safety	
Drug Education Prevention	
All classes receive 2-4 supporting lessons reflective of a needs assessment designed by the school counselor	All classes receive 1-3 supporting lessons reflective of a needs assessment designed by the school counselor

Small group counseling

School Counselors facilitate small group counseling to address and enhance social skills and special topics such as academic success, grief/loss, family changes etc.

School Counselors utilize a referral system for requesting counseling services. Students may refer themselves or be referred by a parent, teacher, administrator or peer.

Individual counseling

School Counselors offer short-term individual counseling sessions geared to help students use effective problem-solving strategies and express feelings and concerns.

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Just a few more things...

School Counselors also consult with teachers by...

- Working towards a goal for both teachers and students
- Collaborating and communicating effectively
- Keeping students' issues confidential but discuss with teachers/admin with appropriate

Consulting With Teachers

Examples of consultations are...

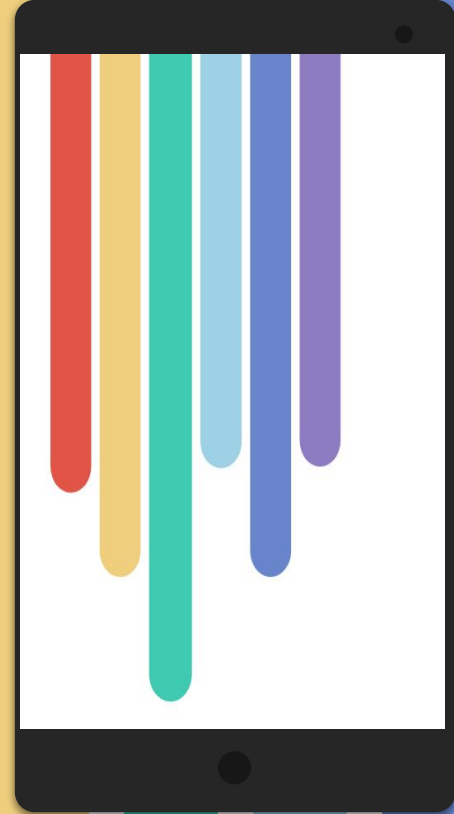
- Individual student performance
- Student well-being
- Student safety concerns
- Behavioral management
- Academic placement

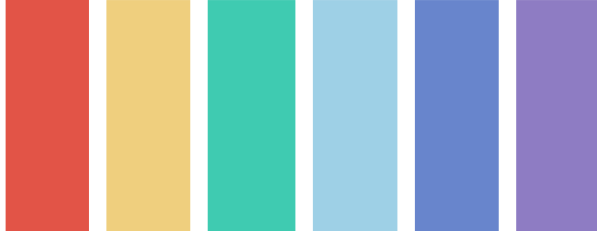
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Procedures for Counseling Emergencies & Requests

- Determine if situation is an emergency by using the "3 Hurts"
 - ◆ Student is considering hurting him/herself
 - ◆ Student is considering hurting someone else
 - ◆ Student is being hurt by someone else
- If it IS AN EMERGENCY, keep student with you & notify the counselor immediately by doing one of the following:
 - ◆ Calling the counselor
 - ◆ Calling admin
 - ◆ Escorting the student to the counseling office (stay with student until you talk to a counselor there)
- If it is NOT AN EMERGENCY, follow your campus procedure for students requesting to see a counselor

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Thank You!



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