

Teachers

- Provides an interdisciplinary team effort to address student needs and educational goals.
- Provides skill development for teachers in classroom management, teaching effectiveness, and affective education.
- Provides consultation to assist teachers in their guidance and advisement role.
- Positively impacts school climate and the learning community.

School Counselors

- Provides a clearly defined role and function in the educational system.
- Eliminates non-counseling functions.
- Provides direct service to every student.
- Provides a tool for program management and accountability.

Boards of Education

- Provides rationale for implementing a comprehensive developmental counseling program in the school system.
- Gives ongoing information about student acquisition of competencies and standards through school counseling program efforts.

WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

The release of the draft of the *New York State Comprehensive School Counseling Program* is the first of three phases in NYSSCA's plan. Following the release, NYSSCA will:

- Build a crosswalk document, highlighting the interaction between the New York State Learning Standards and the National Standards for School Counseling Programs. This document will clearly display how school counseling activities address the Learning Standards.
- Offer a series of Activities Manuals. These grade level specific manuals will offer the best practices in use in school counseling programs across New York State. Particular attention will be focused on the evaluation methods used in each activity and the activity's relationship to the New York State Learning Standards.

***The New York State
Comprehensive School
Counseling Program is available
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School Counseling In The 21st Century

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The New York State Comprehensive School Counseling Program

NYSSCA is pleased to offer its draft of the *New York State Comprehensive School Counseling Program*. The *Program* draws together the most cutting-edge theory and practice in professional school counseling from around the country to present a road map for implementing truly effective and accountable school counseling programs in New York State Schools.

In short, the *New York State Comprehensive School Counseling Program* is:

- A framework for evaluating and building local school counseling programs
- A tool for aligning the school counseling program with the academic mission of the school and the New York State Learning Standards
- A building block for defining the role of the professional school counselor within the school.

WHAT IS COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL COUNSELING?

The comprehensive school counseling program is a framework for the systemic **development, implementation** and **evaluation** of school counseling programs.

The process for delivery of a comprehensive school counseling program is accomplished by utilizing each of the four components of the comprehensive model:

- instructional curriculum,
- individual student planning,
- responsive services, and
- system support.

The comprehensive model identifies competencies for students and uses varying strategies to deliver the content of the program to every student. Most importantly, the comprehensive process links school counseling to the total educational process and involves all school personnel.

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HOW CAN THE PROGRAM BENEFIT SCHOOLS?

Comprehensive developmental school counseling programs positively impact students, administrators, teachers, school counselors, Boards of Education, and all members of the school community. Benefits include the following:

Students

- Prepares students for the challenges of the 21st century by acquiring knowledge and skills in academic, career, and personal/social development.
- Connects the educational program to future success.
- Facilitates career exploration and development.
- Develops decision-making and problem solving skills.

Administrators

- Integrates school counseling with the academic mission of the school.
- Assists administration to use school counselors effectively to enhance learning and development for all students.
- Provides a means of evaluating the effectiveness of the school counseling program.
- Demonstrates school counseling accountability.