

## WHO ARE SCHOOL COUNSELORS?

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

### SUPPORT AT ALL LEVELS

ELEMENTARY

MIDDLE  
SCHOOL

HIGH  
SCHOOL



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### THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF A HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR



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

#### School counselors help all students:

- apply academic achievement strategies
- manage emotions and apply interpersonal skills
- plan for postsecondary options (higher education, military, workforce)



#### Appropriate school counseling activities include providing:

- lessons based on student success standards
- individual student academic planning and goal setting
- short-term counseling to students (individual and small group)
- referrals for long-term support
- collaboration with families/teachers/administrators/community for student success
- advocacy for students
- 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



#### Why High School Counselors?

High school years are full of growth, promise, excitement, frustration, disappointment, and hope. It is a time when students begin to discover what the future holds for them. High school counselors have an impact on these years by implementing a comprehensive school counseling program and collaborating with school staff, parents, and the community to create a safe and respectful learning environment. High school counselors enhance the learning process and promote the development of academic, career, and self-management and social skills.