

THE CALIFORNIA STANDARDS FOR THE SCHOOL COUNSELING PROFESSION

provides a common language and a vision of the scope and complexity of the school counseling profession. With these standards, all counselors can define and develop their practice. The standards address the diversity of California's student population and reflect a system of support services that connects all students to activities and opportunities for academic, career, personal and social development. In promoting the success of all students, school counselors:

STANDARD 1

ENGAGE, ADVOCATE FOR AND SUPPORT ALL STUDENTS IN LEARNING

School counselors engage all students in a system of support programs, services, activities and opportunities to ensure their learning and academic success. School counselors assess the learning and academic needs of all students and develop interventions to address those needs. School counselors identify problems that impede learning at the earliest stages and implement strategies to address these problems. School counselors advocate for and support student achievement by promoting student motivation, positive interaction, and educational choice.

STANDARD 2

PLAN, IMPLEMENT AND EVALUATE PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE ACADEMIC, CAREER, PERSONAL, AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF ALL STUDENTS

School counselors utilize systems and organizational skills to design, plan, and implement student-support programs to benefit all students. School counselors apply multiple approaches to assess program outcomes and then use evaluation data for continuous improvement. School counselors employ accepted guidance models and current research findings to ensure effective leadership and accountability for program outcomes.

STANDARD 3

UTILIZE MULTIPLE SOURCES OF INFORMATION TO MONITOR AND IMPROVE STUDENT BEHAVIOR AND ACHIEVEMENT

School counselors assess and evaluate student attributes, behavior, and achievement using a variety of resources and methods. School counselors gather information to facilitate data-based decisions that promote student academic, career, personal, and social development. School counselors interpret and use data to work with individual students and their parents/guardians to develop plans for educational and personal success.

STANDARD 4

COLLABORATE AND COORDINATE WITH SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

School counselors collaborate and coordinate with school staff, parents, local community agencies, municipalities, businesses, and service organizations to facilitate student development and ensure student success in school and in life. As student advocates, school counselors develop effective working teams with school staff, parents, and community members to eliminate personal, social, and institutional barriers to academic development.

STANDARD 5

PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS

School counselors actively participate in systematic planning for school safety that includes school climate and crisis response plans. School counselors address elements of prevention, intervention, and treatment and contribute to establishing and maintaining a positive, safe, and secure school environment. School counselors develop and implement programs that reduce the incidence of school-site verbal, psychological, and physical intimidation and violence. School counselors provide support to witnesses and victims of violence and promote responsible behavior by the perpetrators of violence.

STANDARD 6

DEVELOP AS A PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR

School counselors evaluate their professional contributions and actively engage in planning their professional development. School counselors establish professional goals, pursue opportunities to develop professional knowledge and skill, and participate in the extended professional community. School counselors follow professional codes of ethics and legal mandates while maintaining current knowledge of laws affecting the delivery of student services. School counselors contribute to school activities, promote school goals, and continually improve professional practice.