

## COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM

Each school shall provide a comprehensive counseling program designed to assist students in selecting appropriate educational activities, manage emotions and apply interpersonal skills that will help them to achieve their maximum potential, as well as plan for postsecondary options (higher education, military, workforce).

### DEFINITION:

*Delivery of services* – The phrase “delivery of services” describes the direct service provided to students, parents, school staff, and the community, which are the interaction between professional school counselors and students. These direct services may include the delivery of the following: professional school counseling core curriculum, individual student planning, responsive services, and indirect student services.

A Professional School Counselor possessing a Mississippi Professional Certificate shall lead the program.

Professional school counselors must spend a minimum of eighty percent (80%) of their contractual time to the delivery of services to students as outlined by the American School Counselor Association.

The Professional School Counselor's responsibilities may include:

- Academic and personal/social counseling;
- Use multiple student data sources to help students make informed academic and career choices;
- Career and educational counseling;
- Individual and group counseling (large/small);
- Crisis intervention and preventive counseling;
- Referrals to community agencies;
- Educational consultations and collaboration with teachers, administrators, parents, and community leaders;
- Educational and career placement services;
- Follow-up counseling services; and
- Conflict resolution.

Professional school counselors shall abide by the American School Counselor Association Code of Ethics.

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