

## Professional School Counselors

- Complete a masters degree in guidance and counseling
- Teach for at least two years before becoming a counselor
- Pass a state certification examination and participate in continuing education for certification renewal
- Provide services to students, educators, families and communities

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The Texas Counseling Association is dedicated to providing leadership, advocacy and education to promote the growth and development of the counseling profession and those who are served.

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I T ' S A B O U T P E O P L E

**S**chool counselors' graduate level training and teaching experiences are essential to educating children. Students are facing challenges in an unpredictable world.

Professional school counselors attend to students' concerns, enabling them to focus on learning and academic achievement.

### The Developmental Guidance and Counseling Program (TEC, Section 33) integrates four key components.

Professional school counselors must provide a systematic, planned approach for helping all students acquire skills necessary for successful academic, career, social and emotional development. Texas law requires school counselors to deliver guidance lessons and appropriate interventions through:

#### Guidance Curriculum

School counselors teach ALL students in classroom presentations basic life skills such as

- Decision Making & Problem Solving
- Goal Setting & Motivation
- Self-esteem & Self-confidence



#### Responsive Services

School counselors keep students in the classroom by teaching coping skills and strategies to address challenges to academic success such as

- Dropping out
- Physical, sexual or emotional abuse
- Substance abuse

#### Individual Planning

School counselors guide students to plan and manage their educational and career plans by providing information on

- Course selection
- Postsecondary opportunities and financial aid
- Career opportunities

#### System Support

School counselors coordinate support of additional campus and community resources for student success including

- Parent Education
- Teacher/administrator consultation
- Staff development for educators

#### Professional School Counselors impact the entire learning community by

- *Counseling* individuals and small groups of students to meet identified needs
- *Teaching* the guidance curriculum to students and school personnel
- *Consulting* with parents, teachers and other staff to address students' needs
- *Coordinating* people and resources in the community to benefit students

**Professional School Counselors provide services to students, educators, families and communities**

