

Benefits of an Effective School Counseling Program

Benefits to Students...

- ◆ Guarantees services to all students
- ◆ Focuses on students' needs
- ◆ Develops proactive skills for all students
- ◆ Provides age-appropriate levels of interaction and instruction helps students become more resourceful in decision-making
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Benefits to Parents...

- ◆ Encourages involvement of parents in students' learning environment
- ◆ Provides parents timely, appropriate support and resources when needed
- ◆ Increases opportunities for parent, student and counselor interaction
- ◆ Brings about better understanding of the guidance and counseling program

Benefits to Teachers...

- ◆ Promotes a team effort to address school counseling competencies
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- ◆ Increases opportunities for parent, student and counselor interaction
- ◆ Brings about better understanding of the guidance and counseling program

Benefits to Administrators...

- ◆ Creates a structured program with specific school counseling competencies
- ◆ Provides accountability to school counseling program
- ◆ Facilitates team approach between administration and school counseling program
- ◆ Encourages better understanding of the role of counselors and the total guidance program

Benefits to Local Boards of Education...

- ◆ Provides a rationale for school counseling as a comprehensive program in the school system
- ◆ Serves as a source of data regarding competencies in school counseling
- ◆ Creates greater school-community interaction
- ◆ Promotes better understanding of the role of the guidance program and of counselors

Benefits to Business, Industry and Labor...

- ◆ Increased opportunity for collaboration among counselors, students, and business/industry/labor
- ◆ Provides a potential workforce with necessary career, human relations and decision-making skills
- ◆ Enhances the role of the counselor as resource
- ◆ Promotes collaboration in preparing students for the world of work

Benefits to Counseling Staff...

- ◆ Provides a clearly defined set of functions
- ◆ Integrates the school counseling program with other school curricula and programs
- ◆ Articulates competencies students are expected to achieve as a result of participating in a comprehensive, developmental school counseling program