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
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- Promotes a team effort to address school counseling competencies
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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