

Using Research Findings to Align Practice

Which of these program structures and counselor activities are occurring at your school? Please check all that apply.

Positive student educational outcomes can be expected when school counseling programs are structured so that:

- Needs assessments are completed regularly
- School Counselors use performance data to decide how to meet needs
- Annual review is conducted for improving programs
- Job description matches actual duties
- School counselors spend most of their time in activities that directly benefit students
- Interventions are designed to improve school's ability to educate all students to high standards
- Program has resources for appropriate professional development
- SC priorities are represented on curriculum and education committees
- SC communicate with parents to coordinate efforts related to achievement

School Counselor Activities and Practices:

- Effectively consulting with administrators concerning students having problems
- Collaborating with cross-curriculum faculty in developing postsecondary programs of study
- Using online Curriculum for Careers – C4C
- Providing effective college counseling to all students
- Implementing and assisting students in developing effective career and educational plans
- Using Personal Learning Plans to inform students and parents of most effective learning plan
- Instructing students on the 16 Career Clusters
- Collaborating with students and parents in developing four-year plans
- Providing all students and parents with info about world of work
- Ensuring that all families receive support in filling out FAFSA