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