

**T**he ASCA Student Standards: Mindsets & Behaviors for Student Success describe the knowledge, attitudes and skills students need to achieve academic success, college and career readiness and social/emotional development. The standards are based on a survey of research and best practices in student achievement from a wide array of educational standards and efforts.

## **ASCA Student Standards: Mindsets & Behaviors for Student Success K-12 College-, Career- and Life-Readiness Standards for Every Student**

*Each of the following standards can be applied to the academic, career and social/emotional domains.*

### **Category 1: Mindset Standards**

School counselors encourage the following mindsets for all students.

- M 1.** Belief in development of whole self, including a healthy balance of mental, social/emotional and physical well-being
- M 2.** Sense of acceptance, respect, support and inclusion for self and others in the school environment
- M 3.** Positive attitude toward work and learning
- M 4.** Self-confidence in ability to succeed
- M 5.** Belief in using abilities to their fullest to achieve high-quality results and outcomes
- M 6.** Understanding that postsecondary education and lifelong learning are necessary for long-term success

### **Category 2: Behavior Standards**

School counselors provide culturally sustaining instruction, appraisal and advisement, and counseling to help all students demonstrate:

<b>Learning Strategies</b>		<b>Self-Management Skills</b>	<b>Social Skills</b>
<b>B-LS 1.</b>	Critical thinking skills to make informed decisions	<b>B-SMS 1.</b>	<b>B-SS 1.</b>
		Responsibility for self and actions	Effective oral and written communication skills and listening skills
<b>B-LS 2.</b>	Creative approach to learning, tasks and problem solving	<b>B-SMS 2.</b>	<b>B-SS 2.</b>
		Self-discipline and self-control	Positive, respectful and supportive relationships with students who are similar to and different from them
<b>B-LS 3.</b>	Time-management, organizational and study skills	<b>B-SMS 3.</b>	<b>B-SS 3.</b>
		Independent work	Positive relationships with adults to support success
<b>B-LS 4.</b>	Self-motivation and self-direction for learning	<b>B-SMS 4.</b>	<b>B-SS 4.</b>
		Delayed gratification for long-term rewards	Empathy
<b>B-LS 5.</b>	Media and technology skills to enhance learning	<b>B-SMS 5.</b>	<b>B-SS 5.</b>
		Perseverance to achieve long- and short-term goals	Ethical decision-making and social responsibility
<b>B-LS 6.</b>	High-quality standards for tasks and activities	<b>B-SMS 6.</b>	<b>B-SS 6.</b>
		Ability to identify and overcome barriers	Effective collaboration and cooperation skills
<b>B-LS 7.</b>	Long- and short-term academic, career and social/emotional goals	<b>B-SMS 7.</b>	<b>B-SS 7.</b>
		Effective coping skills	Leadership and teamwork skills to work effectively in diverse groups
<b>B-LS 8.</b>	Engagement in challenging coursework	<b>B-SMS 8.</b>	<b>B-SS 8.</b>
		Balance of school, home and community activities	Advocacy skills for self and others and ability to assert self, when necessary
<b>B-LS 9.</b>	Decision-making informed by gathering evidence, getting others' perspectives and recognizing personal bias	<b>B-SMS 9.</b>	<b>B-SS 9.</b>
		Personal safety skills	Social maturity and behaviors appropriate to the situation and environment
<b>B-LS 10.</b>	Participation in enrichment and extracurricular activities	<b>B-SMS 10.</b>	<b>B-SS 10.</b>
		Ability to manage transitions and adapt to change	Cultural awareness, sensitivity and responsiveness