

# Texas School Counselor

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## Certified School Counselor

- A school counselor must be certified
- One counselor is required for every 500 elementary students
- Fewer than 500 elementary students can have a shared counselor or a part-time counselor
- (2 TEC § 33.002)



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## Parental Consent

- Written consent must be obtained from a parent or guardian for students to participate in activities that the district requires consent
- (2 TEC § 33.003)



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## Parental Involvement

- Before beginning a program, the school will offer a preview of the entire curriculum to parents and guardians during school hours
- (2 TEC § 33.004)



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## Comprehensive School Counseling Programs

- Program provided responsive services, guidance curriculum, individual planning, and system supports
- Counselors work with all stakeholders
- Aligns with The Texas Model
- (2 TEC § 33.005)



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## Counselor General Duties

- "The primary responsibility of a school counselor is to counsel students to fully develop each student's academic, career, personal, and social abilities" (2 TEC § 33.006).



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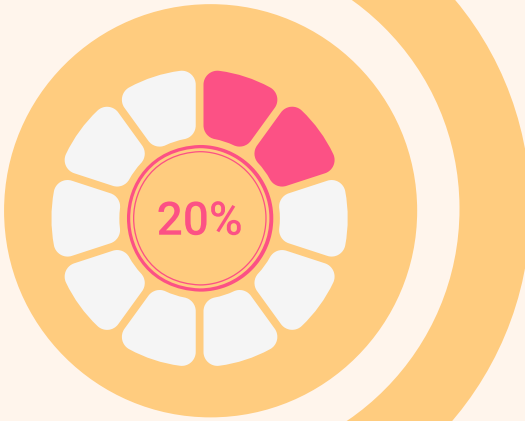
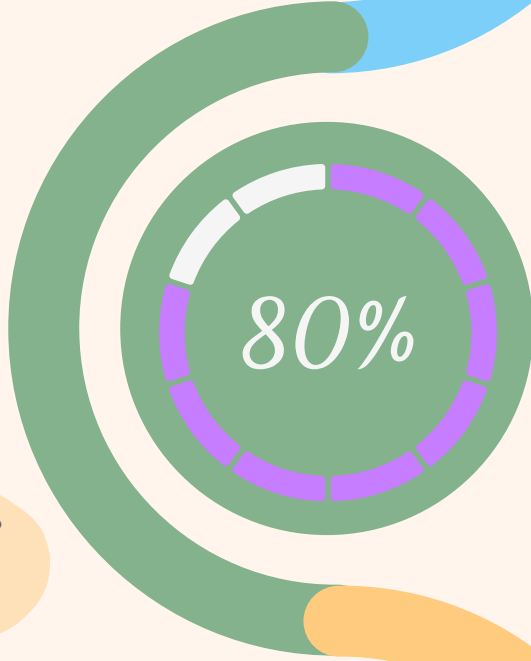
## At Least 80% of a Counselors Time

- "The board of trustees of each school district shall adopt a policy that requires a school counselor to spend at least 80 percent of the school counselor's total work time on duties that are components of a counseling program" (2 TEC § 33.006).

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## No More Than 20% of a Counselor's Time

- "Time spent in administering assessment instruments or providing other assistance in connection with assessment instruments, except time spent in interpreting data from assessment instruments, is not considered time spent on counseling" (2 TEC § 33.006).



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## Counseling Post Secondary Education

- "Each school counselor at an elementary, middle, or junior high school, including an open-enrollment charter school offering those grades, shall advise students and their parents or guardians regarding the importance of postsecondary education, coursework designed to prepare students for postsecondary education, and financial aid availability and requirements" (2 TEC § 33.007).



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## Roles in Texas

AT LEAST 80% OF THE COUNSELOR'S TIME IS SPENT

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### **GUIDANCE CURRICULUM K-12**

#### **DIRECT STUDENT SERVICES**

The following topics are addressed:

- Goal setting
- Problem Solving/Decision Making
- Self-Esteem Development
- Communication Skills
- Cultural Diversity
- Responsibility Behavior
- College Opportunities
- Academic Planning/Support

### **INDIRECT STUDENT SERVICES**

The following services are included:

- Referrals to outside agencies
- Working with parents, educators, administrators and community organizations
- Increase parent involvement in schools

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### **INDIVIDUAL PLANNING**

The following topics are addressed:

- Study Skills
- Grades
- Test Data
- Career Opportunities
- College Future
- Social Behavior
- Planning
- Assessment
- Placement
- Personal Goal Setting

### **RESPONSIVE SERVICES**

The following areas are addressed for both prevention and intervention:

- Academics
- Attendance
- Behavior
- Relationships
- Abuse/Grief/Substance Abuse
- Stress

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### **SYSTEM SUPPORT**

The following areas aide in both prevention and intervention:

- Guidance Program Development
- Parent Education
- Professional Development
- Staff Development
- Teacher/Staff Trainings
- Community Involvement
- Public Relations

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### 504 COORDINATOR

- Managing 504 meetings
- Ensuring accommodations are being provided to standardized tests

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### GIFTED AND TALENTED COORDINATOR

- Identifying new talent
- Managing current GT students lists and providing to teachers

### TESTING COORDINATOR

- Coordinate TSIA2 testing for dual credit and graduation requirements
- Manage STAAR testing materials
- Assignment students and teachers to test rooms
- Ensure all accommodations are being provided for testing

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### DUTY

- Hall Monitor between classes
- Working extra curricular events
- Cafeteria monitor

(2 TEC § 33.005-33.007); (Texas Education Agency, 2018)

### REFERENCES

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