



# **WATERLOO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **PreK-12 School Counseling Comprehensive Plan**

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# DEFINE

**Mission, Vision, Beliefs, Goals**



## Waterloo Central School District Vision and Mission Statement

# All Students. All Staff. One Family

The **MISSION** of the Waterloo Central School District is to put kids first every day. We support each student on a personalized journey to realize their goals. Our caring community develops learners and leaders.

### Waterloo School Counseling Mission Statement

The **MISSION** of the Waterloo School Counseling Program is to provide services that ensure an opportunity for all students to learn and develop to their fullest potential. The program is proactive and preventative in its approach. More specifically, the school counseling program helps facilitate and enhance academic, career, social and personal development of all students. The school counseling program is inclusive and encompasses many school professionals including school psychologists, school social workers and school counselors. As a result of the collaborative nature of the school counseling program, the team will be referred to as the Counseling and Student Support Services Team.

### School Counseling Vision Statement

The **VISION** of the Waterloo School Counseling Program is that every student will be given the opportunity to acquire the academic, career and personal/social skills to reach their fullest educational potential and successfully manage their lives as healthy, responsible, competent and productive citizens who respect themselves and others.

### School Counseling Goals

- To foster student achievement for EVERY student
- To implement a school counseling program which is data-driven, proactive, prevention-based, developmentally appropriate and supports school improvement.
- To promote and enhance the social and emotional competencies of all students.
- To increase the attendance rate for Skoi-Yase and LaFayette to 94% and for the Middle School and High School to 91%.
- To decrease the number of students considered “at risk” according to SAEBRS data

## **Waterloo Board of Education Goals**

These Board of Education goals are derived from the Waterloo School District Strategic Plan.

### **Safe Space:**

1. Support and evaluate the effectiveness of inclusion programming.
2. Develop the Culturally Responsive Framework for us in all schools.
3. Evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of the Safe Space Committee.

### **Wellness:**

1. Focus on the effectiveness of community circles in all schools.
2. Evaluate the implementation of the student mentorship program.
3. Support professional development for all staff.

### **Academic Success:**

1. Provide consistent academic support to all students
2. Provide behavioral and academic interventions for all students, including supports that prioritizes mental health and social-emotional well-being.
3. Focus on the effectiveness of the after-school programming.

### **Teamwork:**

1. Continue to develop and implement personalized learning plans
2. Staff members, family members, and students report alignment and value in individual student plans through surveys done at least twice a year.
3. Ensure responsive changes in curriculum are driven by data from staff discussion

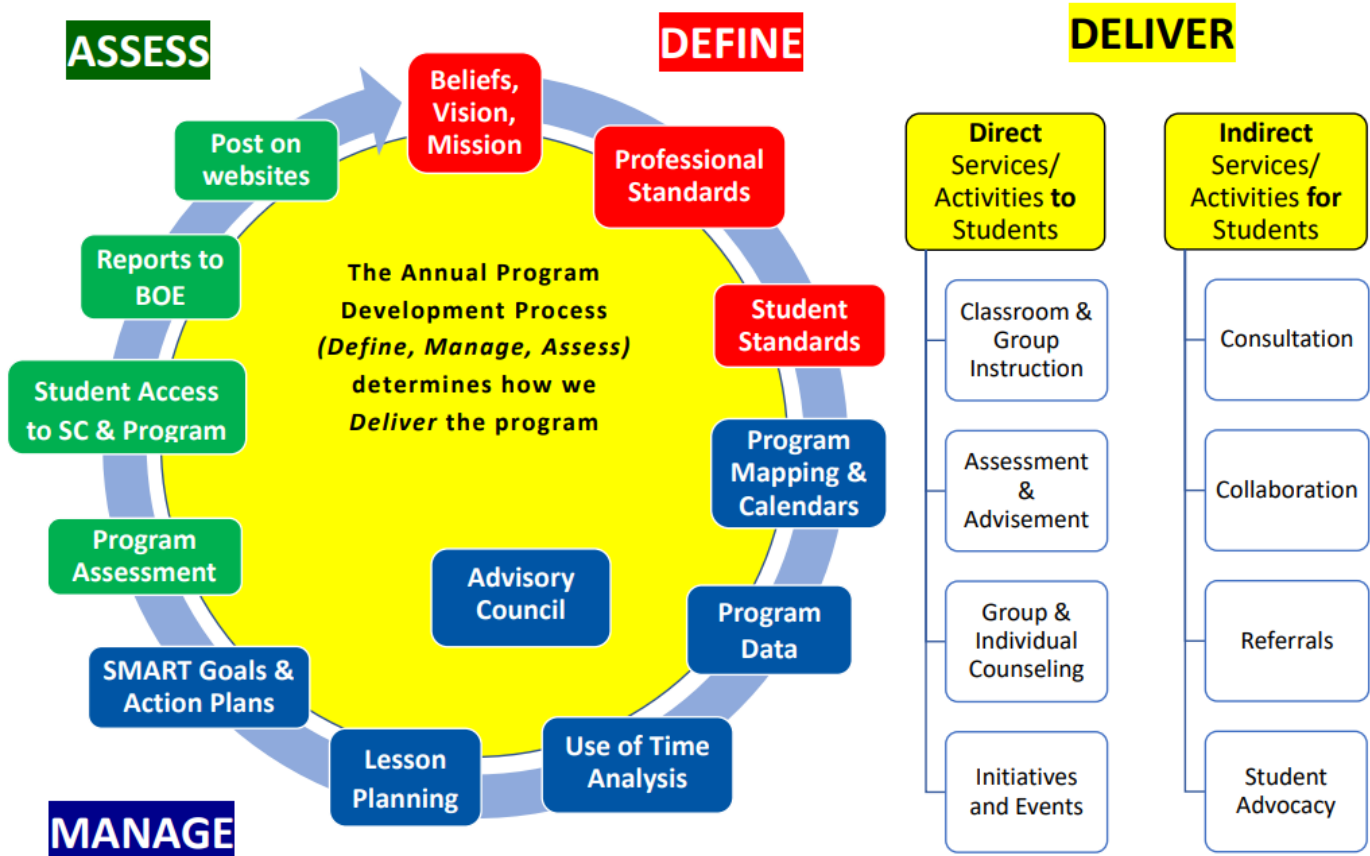
# COMPARISON CHART BETWEEN OLD NYS COUNSELING REGULATIONS AND AMENDED REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

**New + Old Requirements of NYSED Commissioner’s Regulation Part 100.2(j)  
School Counseling and Guidance Programs for Public Schools  
(adopted July 1, 2017, to be implemented by September 2019)**

PROGRAM DELIVERY		
K-5	6-8 <i>(addition of grade 6)</i>	9-12
Assist students with academic concerns <small>e.g. attendance &amp; behavior</small>	Annual <i>Individual</i> Progress Review by a certified school counselor	
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Information on college & careers	Instruction in careers	
Core Curriculum instruction provided by certified school counselors in college/career, social/emotional and academic skills development based on multiple student competencies		
Direct & Indirect services to students <small>(e.g. advising, individual &amp; group counseling, consultation, referral)</small>		
PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY	Referral to properly licensed/certified PPS as appropriate for more targeted supports	
	All students have access to a certified school counselor and the school counseling program	
	Advisory Council	
	School and District plans posted on district website	
	Annual program outcomes report to Board of Education	
	K-12 Program developed and updated annually <i>by certified school counselors</i> in collaboration with other school personnel	
PROGRAM FOUNDATION		

Key:	New regulation	Old regulation
	Team approach: e.g. teachers, school social workers, school psychologists.	

NYS Comprehensive School Counseling Program Annual Program Development Process:



## **COMPONENTS OF THE ASCA MODEL**

The standards that define the school counseling profession are professional standards and student standards. They are included in the DEFINE component of the ASCA National Model and guide the work that school counselors do. They help school counselors determine the knowledge, attitudes and skills they want students to learn by their participation in the school counseling program.

To view individual standards, use the links below:

[STUDENT STANDARDS – ASCA MINDSETS & BEHAVIORS](#)

[SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND COMPETENCIES](#)

[AMERICAN SCHOOL COUNSELORS’ ASSOCIATION ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL COUNSELORS](#)

## **NEW YORK STATE STANDARDS**

To view individual standards, use the links below:

[NEW YORK STATE HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCES](#)

[NEW YORK STATE CAREER AND OCCUPATIONAL STUDIES STANDARDS](#)

[NEW YORK STATE SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING BENCHMARKS](#)

[NEW YORK STATE NEXT GENERATION STANDARDS](#)



# MANAGEMENT

**Advisory Council, Time Analysis, Professional  
Responsibilities, Monthly Calendars**



## **Advisory Council**

The role of the advisory council is to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to review, advise on, and support implementation of the school counseling plan and program. Membership of the advisory council will be representative of the school community and shall include school employees, students, community members, and parents. The Advisory Council will meet twice yearly to review the Waterloo Central School District Counseling Plan. Meeting minutes will be shared via the school website.

## **Annual Report to the Board of Education**

The Student Support Services personnel will share the counseling plan and relevant program information at least one time yearly to the Board of Education. Data points, action plans and program delivery will be important points to consider.

## **Time Analysis**

All WCSD School Counselors will log a time analysis sheet three times yearly minimally. This data will be used to analyze time spent on direct student services, indirect student services, program management and school support. ASCA (American School Counselor Association) National Model recommends 80% of the time in direct and indirect services to students.

## **Professional Responsibilities**

The following comprehensive list includes professional responsibilities that support students indirectly. These are not direct services but enhance the learning academically, socially, and emotionally of our students, staff, families, and community.

### **1. Academic Development**

- Active member on Instructional Support Team (IST)
- Active member on Committee on Special Education/504 meetings. (PK-12)
- Participate in Parent-Teacher Conferences (PreK-12)
- Attend Open House (PreK-12)
- Facilitate recommendations for advanced classes (6-8)

### **2. Career Development**

- Schoolwide displays highlighting careers (PreK-2)
- Career Exploration Classroom Lessons (K-5)
- Participate in district “College Tuesday” program (PreK-12)
- Career Assessments (9-12)
- NYS Career Plan (9-12)
- Weekly Career Center Connection Newsletter to Families (9-12)

- Career Assessments 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom activities
- Schoolwide displays highlighting careers and colleges (9-12)

### 3. Personal/Social Development:

- Develop Functional Behavior Assessments (FBA) and Behavior Intervention Plans (BIP) (PreK-12)
- Develop individual behavior charts, checklists, contracts and social stories (PreK-12)
- Referral to community resource programs/outside agencies (PreK-12)
- Collaborate with outside service providers (PreK-12)
- Provide in-service trainings to staff on variety of topics (PreK-5)
- Information to families on select topics of development and concerns (PreK-8)

### Academic, Career and Personal/Social Development:

- Post material on district web page (PreK-12)
- Communicate with parents through emails, phone, letters, home visits, ParentSquare and newsletters. (PreK-12)
- Regional Counselor Meetings (6-12)

### Active members of many school committees:

- Attendance Team
- Trauma, Illness & Grief (TIG)
- Concussion Management
- Threat Assessment
- Dignity Act Coordinators (PK-12)
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) building committee
- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) building committee
- Behavioral Intervention Team
- MTSS Team

## Monthly Calendars

### **Skoι-Yase Primary School Counseling Grades PreK-2**

#### September

- Introduction of Schoolwide theme “BUCKET FILLING” to all PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes
- DASA (Dignity for All Students Act) student training
- Consultation with 3-5 LaFayette SSST members on new 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
- IEP, 504 & Behavior Plan review with staff
- Individual IEP counseling begins
- Mindful Minute - daily

#### October

- Attendance meetings begin
- Attendance Check ins
- Classroom lessons
- Ongoing individual counseling
- Review fall SAEBRS data and begin Fall SEL skills groups
- Mindful Minute - daily

#### November

- Attendance Check ins
- Ongoing individual counseling and small groups
- Mindful Minute - daily

#### December

- Attendance Check ins
- Classroom lessons
- Ongoing individual counseling and small groups
- End of trimester review of DASA reports
- Mindful Minute - daily

#### January

- Attendance Check ins
- Classroom lessons
- Ongoing individual counseling and small groups
- Mindful Minute - daily

## February

- Attendance Check ins
- Classroom lessons
- Ongoing individual counseling and small groups
- Mindful Minute – daily
- Random Acts of Kindness Week

## March

- Attendance Check ins
- Classroom lessons
- Ongoing individual counseling and small groups
- End of trimester review of DASA reports
- Mindful Minute – daily
- Review spring SAEBRS data and begin spring SEL skills groups

## April

- Attendance Check ins
- Classroom lessons
- Ongoing individual counseling and small groups
- End of trimester review of DASA reports
- Mindful Minute - daily

## May

- Attendance Check ins
- CDOS lessons for grades K-2
- Ongoing individual counseling and small groups
- Mindful Minute - daily

## June

- Attendance Check ins
- Ongoing individual counseling
- End of trimester/end of year review of DASA reporting.
- Transition planning for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders to 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Mindful Minute - daily
- Review end of year SAEBRS data

## LaFayette Intermediate School Counseling Grades 3-5

### September

- Classroom Lessons (3<sup>rd</sup> grade weekly, 4<sup>th</sup> grade bi-weekly, 5<sup>th</sup> grade monthly)
- IEP, 504 and behavior plans are reviewed.
- DASA (Dignity for All Students Act) student training is completed in each class.
- Consultation with PK-2 SSST members on new 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
- Consultation with middle school SSST members on incoming new 6<sup>th</sup> graders
- Individual and group IEP/504 counseling begins as well as new student groups

### October

- Classroom lessons (3<sup>rd</sup> grade weekly, 4<sup>th</sup> grade bi-weekly, 5<sup>th</sup> grade monthly)
- Ongoing individual and group counseling
- The SAEBRS is completed by all teachers and students and evaluated for all grade levels.
- Review fall SAEBRS data and begin small group counseling based on SAEBRS data for all grades

### November

- Classroom lessons (3<sup>rd</sup> grade weekly, 4<sup>th</sup> grade bi-weekly, 5<sup>th</sup> grade monthly)
- Ongoing individual and group counseling

### December

- Classroom lessons (3<sup>rd</sup> grade weekly, 4<sup>th</sup> grade bi-weekly, 5<sup>th</sup> grade monthly)
- Ongoing individual and group counseling.
- End of Trimester review of DASA reports.

### January

- Classroom lessons (3<sup>rd</sup> grade weekly, 4<sup>th</sup> grade bi-weekly, 5<sup>th</sup> grade monthly)
- Ongoing individual and group counseling.

### February

- Classroom lessons (3<sup>rd</sup> grade weekly, 4<sup>th</sup> grade bi-weekly, 5<sup>th</sup> grade monthly)
- Ongoing individual and group counseling.
- Review winter SAEBRS data and begin winter SEL skills groups

### March

- Classroom lessons (3<sup>rd</sup> grade weekly, 4<sup>th</sup> grade bi-weekly, 5<sup>th</sup> grade monthly)
- Ongoing individual and group counseling.
- Daily Mindful Moment over the announcements

### April

- Classroom lessons (3<sup>rd</sup> grade weekly, 4<sup>th</sup> grade bi-weekly, 5<sup>th</sup> grade monthly)
- Ongoing individual and group counseling.
- Review spring SAEBRS data and begin spring SEL skills group

## May

- Classroom lessons (3<sup>rd</sup> grade weekly, 4<sup>th</sup> grade bi-weekly, 5<sup>th</sup> grade monthly)
- Ongoing individual and group counseling.
- Students learned about personal safety to satisfy requirements for Erin's Law

## June

- Classroom lessons (3<sup>rd</sup> grade weekly, 4<sup>th</sup> grade bi-weekly, 5<sup>th</sup> grade monthly)
- Fifth grade counseling transition meetings.
- Ongoing individual and group counseling.
- End of year DASA reporting.

# **Waterloo Middle School Counseling Grades 6-8**

## September

- Schedule changes
- Student staffings
- Review IEP/504 plan services
- DASA (Dignity for All Students Act) student training
- Individual and group counseling begins

## October

- Ongoing individual and group counseling
- Review interim grades, academic advising
- Seneca County Youth Bureau Youth Summit field trip; Project HOPE (if available)
- Administer SAEBRS and review data

## November

- Ongoing individual and group counseling
- Review Quarter 1 grades, academic advising
- Five Points Correctional Facility field trip; Project HOPE (if available)
- Follow up SAEBRS meetings with students

## December

- Ongoing individual and group counseling
- High school scheduling prep- HS counselors present NYS graduation requirements
- Review interim grades, academic advising
- End of trimester DASA reports
- Follow up SAEBRS meetings with students

## January

- Ongoing individual and group counseling
- Review Quarter 2 grades, academic advising
- Follow up SAEBRS meetings with students

## February

- Ongoing individual and group counseling
- High school course selections for 8<sup>th</sup> > 9<sup>th</sup> graders
- Review interim grades, academic advising
- Follow up SAEBRS meetings with students

## March

- Ongoing individual and group counseling
- Middle school course selections 6<sup>th</sup> > 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- Middle school course selection 7<sup>th</sup> > 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Review Quarter 3 grades, academic advising
- Finger Lakes Technical & Career Center Skills Competition (if available)
- End of trimester DASA reports
- Administer SAEBRS and review data

## April

- Ongoing individual and group counseling
- Assist with NYS ELA exam preparation & administration (as needed)
- Facilitate PTECH assembly and application process for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Follow up SAEBRS meeting with students

## May

- Ongoing individual and group counseling
- Assist with NYS Math exam preparation & administration (as needed)
- Review interim grades, academic advising
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade class visits
- Hobart & William Smith College field trip (Project HOPE)
- Administer SAEBRS and review data

## June

- Ongoing individual and group counseling
- Consult with LaFayette counselor about in-coming 6<sup>th</sup> graders
- Meet with prospective at risk 5<sup>th</sup> graders



- 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade awards ceremony
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade awards ceremony & graduation
- End-of-year team meetings (summer school/retention)
- End of trimester/end of year DASA reports
- Summer school registration
- Follow up SAEBRS meeting with students

#### July

- Select Project HOPE students for upcoming school year
- Plan Project HOPE activities/programs
- Prepare for 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation
- Assist with schedule conflicts

#### August

- Consult with HS counselors about in-coming 9<sup>th</sup> graders
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation
- Schedule student staffings for start of year
- Schedule individual counseling for all Project HOPE students

## **Waterloo High School Counseling Grades 9-12**

#### **August**

- College application completion workshops
- Freshman Orientation
- New students Registration
- Review Tech Center Students
- Schedule Changes
- Summer School Review
- Workshops/trainings (tMHFA, TCI, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training)

#### **September**

- Career chat
- College/Military Visits
- Cornell Pilot Program for Engineering
- Dolee Days
- Finalization of Internships
- Gemini Registration
- Individual and Group Counseling
- Monthly regional Counselor Meeting

- Office Hours for Seniors
- PSAT Workshop
- Rochester Area College
- Schedule Changes
- Senior Parent Night
- Senior Reviews
- Workshops (College Board, Regents, etc)

## **October**

- Career Chats
- College Letters of Recommendation
- College/Military Visits
- College Readiness Workshop
- Dolee Days
- Field Trip to Rochester in Construction
- Financial Aid Presentation
- Meet all Freshman
- Monthly Regional Counselor Meeting
- Ongoing Individual Counseling, Outreach and Engagement with student and parents
- PSAT Administration
- SAEBRS Data
- Senior Review
- Senior Success Plan
- SUNY Info Sessions

## **November**

- ACCES-VR Presentation
- Career Chats
- College instant decision days
- College Letters of Recommendation
- College/Military Visits
- College Readiness Workshops
- Dolee Days
- Electives Presentation
- Monthly Regional Counselor Meeting
- NYSSCA Conference
- Ongoing Individual Counseling, Outreach and Engagement with student and parents
- Regents Exam Review
- Senior Success Plan

## **December**

- 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade Course Catalog presentation
- Career Chats
- College/Military Visits
- College Readiness Workshop
- Dolee Days
- Financial Aid Completion Workshop
- Freshman College and Career Presentations
- Monthly Regional Counselor Meeting
- Next Year's Course Request
- Ongoing Individual Counseling, Outreach and Engagement with student and parents
- TECH Center Presentations, SEL District Network Team Training
- Senior Success Plan

## **January**

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Course Catalog Presentation
- Alumni Presentation
- Career Chats
- College Readiness Workshops
- Dolee Days
- End of semester grade review
- Financial Aid Completion Workshop for Parents
- Free Money Workshop for Seniors
- Freshman College and Career Presentations
- Next Year's Course Request
- Trade Talks
- Ongoing Individual Counseling, Outreach and Engagement with student and parents
- PSAT Result Presentation
- Senior Success Plan

## **February**

- Career Chats/Trade Talks
- College Readiness Workshop
- Dolee Days
- FLTCC Sophomores Visit
- GEMINI REGISTRATION
- IST Meetings
- Junior College and Career Presentation
- Mid Year performance letters

- Ongoing Individual Counseling, Outreach and Engagement with student and parents
- SAEBR data days
- Senior Success Plan
- Student Scheduling
- Teen Mental Health First Aid
- Women in Engineering Chats

### **March**

- Agricultural & Food Science Event Seneca County Career Fair
- Career Chats/Trade Talks
- College Campus Field Trips
- College Night for junior students and parents Health Career Day
- College and Military Visits
- College Readiness Workshops
- Counselor Tech Center Meeting
- Dolee Days
- Health Career Day
- High School Scheduling Completed
- Individual Career Plan- Juniors
- National College Fair Juniors
- Ongoing Individual Counseling, Outreach and Engagement with student and parents
- SAT/ACT Registration
- Senior Success Plan
- Tech Center Application Review
- Teen Mental Health First Aid
- Fingerlakes Career Day
- SUNY College Fair

### **April**

- College Campus Visits
- Counselor Tech Center Meeting
- Diploma Types and Mastery
- Dolee Day
- Ongoing Individual Counseling, Outreach and Engagement with student and parents
- Regents Exam Review
- SAEBR Focus Groups
- Senior Success Plan
- Senior Graduation Tracking
- Sophomore Presentation

## **May**

- Destination Day
- Dolee Day
- IST Meetings
- Law Day
- Military Visits
- Ongoing Individual Counseling, Outreach and Engagement with student and parents
- Senior Exit Survey / Interviews
- Senior Success Plan
- Summer School Projections

## **June**

- DASA meeting
- End of year data review
- Ongoing Individual Counseling, Outreach and Engagement with student and parents
- SAEBRS data survey
- Senior Graduation Tracking
- Summer School Projections
- Wall of Fame

# **DELIVERY**

**Classroom Lessons, Small Group Activities, Individual Assessments and Interventions, Student Annual Progress Review**



Grade Level	Program Activity/Service with target students and timeline (Curriculum, small group, individual, planning, appraisal, crisis, consultation, referral and advisement)	Tier (1,2,3)	Student Standards (ASCA Mindsets and Behaviors, CDOS, Health, FACS, SEL)	Program Objectives (Students will be able to ____)	Staff & Resources	Assessment and Evaluation Methods (process, perception, outcomes)
K-5	Second Step Child Protection Unit (Erin's Law)	1	Safety, Self-Awareness, B-SMS9, B-SS3, B-SS8 M1 B-SMS7 M1 B-SMS9	Students will be able to identify personal safety vocabulary and tactics.	Counselors Second Step materials for unit	Classroom activity
3-8	Erin's Law	1	Safety, Self-Awareness, B-SMS9, B-SS3, B-SS8 M1 B-SMS7 M1 B-SMS9	Students will be able to identify personal safety vocabulary and tactics.	Counselors coordinate with Safe Harbors to present curriculum	Classroom activity
PreK-12	Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)	1	M3, B-LS3, B-LS8, B-SMS1, B-SMS2, SMS10, B-SS2, B-SS3, B-SS4, B-SS9	Students will identify and demonstrate the pride traits (be responsible, respectful, engaged, safe).	Teachers and other staff provide Tier 1 instruction. Counselors, Social Workers, and School Psychologist provide Tier 2/3 as needed.	Student use of terms- PBIS Discipline referral TFI (Tiered Fidelity Inventory)
K-12	DASA instruction	1/2/3	M3, B-SMS1, B-SMS2, B-SMS9 BSS2-BSS9	Students will be able to identify what DASA means and how to follow expectations.	Dignity Act Coordinator provides for all students and staff. Tier 2/3 provided for students on as needed basis.	Discipline referral data DASA reports Safety contracts

K-5	Classroom Counseling Lessons	1	Pro-social skills, problem solving, and coping strategies. M1-M6, B-SS 1-9, B-SMS1,2,7,9,10	Students will be able to identify pro-social skills, problem solving models and skills and coping strategies.	Counselor will provide lessons in classroom with counselor-made materials, or evidence based curriculum.	Class activities, observations
K-12	Individual counseling and small groups are varied but not limited to: social groups, lunch groups, identifying feelings groups, divorced parents groups, managing stress groups, etc...	1/2/3	Scheduling (6-12) to review yearly progress (Tier 1) Improve attendance, academics, behavior and social-emotional well-being of students.	Students will be able to identify strategies as needed to: -prosocial skills -problem solving -progress to graduation -improve attendance -improve behavior -increase coping strategies	Counselor School Psych School Social Worker	Student self reflection and observations of staff SAEBRS Discipline referral data Progress notes on goals Attendance data
K-2	Career Exploration Classroom Lessons	1	M1, M4, B-SMS2, B-SMS6, B-SMS7, B-LS7	Students will be able to identify what they want to be	School counselor and classroom teacher	Student will complete "When I grow up I want to be..."
PreK-2	Mindful Minute daily in morning announcements	1	M1, B-SMS2, B-SMS7, B-SMS10	Students will learn to self regulate and become aware of surroundings	School counselor, Principal, teachers	Observations, discipline referrals data
K-5	-Check & Connect (K-2) -Check In/Check Out (3-5)	2,3	M1, M2, M3, M5, M6, B-SMS1-3, B-SMS6-7, B-SMS10	Students will be able to improve attendance, problem-solving and coping skills/strategies	Counselor, Social Workers, School Psychologist, school staff	Observation, discipline referrals, attendance data, daily logs
PreK-12	School Based Mental Health Counseling	3	M1, M3, M5, M6, B-LS3, M-LS4, B-LS7, B-SMS1, B-SMS2, B-SMS5, B-SMS6, B-SMS7, B-SMS9, B-SMS10, B-SS1	Students will be able to identify strategies to improve individual needs as identified by mental health staff.	Seneca County Mental Health Counselors	



PreK-12	Crisis Intervention	3	M1,3,5,6, B-LS3, M-LS4, B-LS7, B-SMS1,2,5,6, B-SMS7, B-SMS9, B-SMS10, B-SS1	Students will de-escalate as needed due to crisis.	Counselor and mental health providers	Observations Discipline referral data
PreK-12	Attendance Monitoring	1	M3, B-SMS1, B-SMS10, B-SS3, B-SS9	Students will increase attendance and reduce the number of tardies	Administrators, Teachers, Counselors, School Resource Officer, Nurse, Secretary	Attendance data
6	Career Counseling and Instruction	1	M-6, B-LS9, B-LS4, B-LS3, B-LS1	Students will be able to identify career possibilities and opportunities that exist. Students will examine career goals and identify courses needed to be successful.	Counselors	
8	PTECH presentation	1	M-6, B-LS9, B-LS4, B-LS3, B-LS1	Students will identify what PTECH is. Students will identify if they are interested in this opportunity and apply as needed.	Counselors PTECH staff	Application (for those interested)
8	WFLTCC Skills Competition	2	M-6, B-LS9, B-LS4, B-LS3, B-LS1	Students will explore career and technology education.	Counselors WFLTCC staff	Points scored for competition
6-12	Student review meeting	1	M4, B-LS7, B-SS8	Students will understand requirements for course selections, graduation requirements, academic success needed for future/career and college readiness.	Counselors	Schedules, Notes from meetings

6-12	Project HOPE	2	M3, B-SMS1, B-SMS10, B-SS3, B-SS9	Students will be able to achieve academic success and develop social emotional coping strategies.	Counselors	Graduation rate School enrollment data Discipline referral data
9	Freshman Orientation	1	M3, M4, B-SMS10, B-SS 1, B-SS 9	Students will be able to read schedules and acclimate to the HS.	Counselors Administrators	Attendance data of night
8	Transition Night	1	M2, M4, M6, B-LS6	Students will be able to explore HS requirements.	Counselors Administrators	Attendance data of night
9-12	Classroom lessons/graduation requirements/schedule change days	1	M4, B-LS6, B-LS7, B-SS3, B-LS1, B-LS9, B-SS6	Students will be able to identify graduation requirements and needs for academic success. Seniors will explore and identify post-secondary plans.	Counselors	Course selection when meeting with individuals
12	College presentations	1	M2, M4, M6, B-LS6	Students will explore and identify colleges and requirements to attend.	Counselors	Post-secondary options chosen
11-12	Access-VR	2	M2, M4, M6, B-LS6	Students will identify ways to access post-secondary supports.	Counselors Transition Coordinator	Paperwork completion
11-12	Rochester area college fair	1	M2, M4, M6, B-LS6	Students will explore local college options.	Counselors Transition Coordinator	College selection
12	Naviance workshop for seniors	1	M4, B-LS7, B-SS8	Students will explore career and post-secondary options.	Counselors Transition Coordinator	Applications for college and post-secondary careers identified
9-12	Career options field trips	1	M-6, B-LS9, B-LS4, B-LS3, B-LS1	Students will explore local opportunities for post-secondary employment.	Counselors Transition Coordinator	Attendance data to field trip

12	College 101 at FLCC	1	1.1, 3.a, 3.b	Students will explore local college options, and what college could look like.	Counselors Transition Coordinator	Attendance data to field trip
12	Financial aid night and workshops	1	3.a.6, 3.a.2	Students will identify process for gaining financial aid for college.	Counselors	Financial aid applications
11	PSAT including score interpretation	1	A:B2.1	Students will take college entrance practice exams. Students will identify what the score means and how they performed.	Counselors	PSAT
9-12	Classroom Naviance	1	M-6, B-LS9, B-LS4, B-LS3, B-LS1	Students will be introduced to career possibilities and identify goals for future career activities.	Counselors	Career plan
10	WFLTCC		1.1, 3a, 3b	Students will explore career and technology education.	Counselors WFLTCC staff	Application to WFLTCC
11-12	Knowledge of college	1	M-6, B-LS9, B-LS4, B-LS3, B-LS1	Students will learn from peers about college and their experiences.	Counselors	College selections
K-12	Psychological, emotional, academic, behavioral and developmental testing.	3	B-LS8, B-SMS-7,8, B-SS 1, 8	Ascertain the needs of individual students	School Psychologists	Standardized tests and rating scales.
K-12	FBA and BIP development	2,3	B-SMS-1-3	Reduce certain behaviors that impact learning.	School Psychologists	Data driven records

# ASSESS

**Closing the Gap Action Plans, Professional  
Development Planning, Evaluation Methods, Annual  
Report to Board of Education**



## Closing the Gap Action Plan

### Attendance Rates:

Data points reviewed:

- Attendance Rates 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 School Years:
- Graduation Rate 2022-2023 School Year:
  - High School – 88%
- SAEBRS data
- Discipline Reports

	2022-2023	2023-2024
SY (PreK-2)	90.83%	92.89%
SY (K-2)	91.28%	93.20%
LAF	92.44%	92.97%
WMS	91.23%	92.47%
WHS	89.98%	90.48%
District K-12	91.23%	92.28%
District PreK-12)	91.37%	92.20%

The counseling program will work to increase attendance rates through:

- Regular attendance reviews
- Chronic absences will be addressed through communication with families (letters, phone calls home, home visits, ParentSquare)
- Students in need of Tier 2 or Tier 3 intervention will have individualized plans developed through Instructional Support Team meetings.
- Check and connect (PreK-2) and check in/check out (3-5)

The counseling program will work to increase reduce the number of students “at risk” by end of year SAEBRS scores.

- Reviewing the SAEBRS screenings
- Communicating student needs with families and staff
- Scheduling individual and/or group counseling sessions
- Participation on the Instructional Support Team for students in need of Tier 2/3 intervention. Individualized student plans will be developed through this process.

### Professional Development Planning

The following are topics that the Counseling Department Student Support Services have identified to be areas to pursue professional growth:

- Restorative Practices
- Social Emotional Learning
- Trauma Informed Instruction
- Positive School Environment

The department will investigate and pursue professional development opportunities that align with these topics which support district and BOE goals and initiatives.

## Evaluation Methods

The counseling program and plan will be regularly evaluated and updated as needed. Data will continue to be collected and reviewed to drive changes based on identified needs. The counseling program will create surveys and use this data to inform the advisory of needs to be addressed in the following years.

The administrators at each building are responsible for the evaluation of each counselor on an annual basis. The evaluation is based on the criteria set forth in the Teachers’ Annual Professional Performance Review process (APPR). The form used follows.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Probationary Year (1, 2, 3): \_\_\_\_\_ Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Provisional: (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent: (Y/ N): \_\_\_\_\_

Bachelor’s: \_\_\_\_\_ Master’s: \_\_\_\_\_

The supervisor shall place a check in the box that best describes the performance of the employee. Both day-to-day experiences and classroom observations will be used to complete the evaluation. Teachers may submit artifacts or written comments, if they choose, to support the attainment of the criteria. Administrators will comment as appropriate. Commendations should be noted in the comment section. Any needs improvement rating must include an Improvement Plan.

**Program Management** – School counselor plans, implements, and evaluates a comprehensive and developmentally age-appropriate school counseling program. The school counselor collaborates with administration, staff, students and parents related to the program.

Criteria	Outstanding	Proficient	Needs Improvement
<b>Planning, Implementation and Evaluation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Develops a guidance program based on the needs of students, state, and district standards. Includes plans for regular monitoring of guidance program	<input type="checkbox"/> Develops a guidance program based on the needs of the students, state and district standards.	<input type="checkbox"/> Little or no evidence that the counselor develops a guidance program based on the needs of students, state and district standards.
<b>Collaboration</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Communicates goals and services of the counseling programs to school administration, staff, students, and parents using a variety of tools.	<input type="checkbox"/> Communicates goals and services of the counseling programs to school administration, staff, students, and parents.	<input type="checkbox"/> Little or no evidence that the counselor communicates goals and services of the counseling programs to school administration, staff, students, and parents.

**School Counselor Support/Reflection:**

**Administrative Comments:**

**Guidance Components** – The school counselor coordinates guidance components in the domains of academic, career, personal/social development and collaborates with teachers in the implementation of the guidance related activities.

Criteria	Outstanding	Proficient	Needs Improvement
<b>Program Coordination</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Reviews, evaluates, selects, and implements a variety of materials to support a well balanced counseling program.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reviews, evaluates, and selects a variety of materials to support a well balanced counseling program.	<input type="checkbox"/> Little or no evidence that the counselor reviews, evaluates, and selects a variety of materials to support a well balanced counseling program.
<b>Program Collaboration</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Works in a collegial and collaborative manner with administrators and staff, while considering and possibly utilizing their feedback, to promote and support the guidance program.	<input type="checkbox"/> Works in a collegial and collaborative manner with administrators and staff to promote and support the guidance program.	<input type="checkbox"/> Little or no evidence that the counselor works in a collegial and collaborative manner with administrators and staff to promote and support the guidance program.

**School Counselor Support/Reflection:**

**Administrative Comments:**

**Direct Services** – The school counselor counsels students individually and/or in small groups. The school counselor provides information to individuals and groups of students to promote academic success and/or career planning as developmentally appropriate..

Criteria	Outstanding	Proficient/Satisfactory	Needs Improvement
<b>Individual and Small Group Counseling</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Provides counseling to promote academic success, monitors and evaluates regularly the effectiveness of individual/group counseling services and makes plans for improvement.	<input type="checkbox"/> Provides counseling to promote academic success, monitors and evaluates regularly the effectiveness of individual/group counseling services.	<input type="checkbox"/> Little or no evidence that the counselor provides counseling including individual and/or group, to promote academic success.
<b>Academic and Career Planning</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Reviews student performance, takes appropriate action and the student participates in the development of the plan.	<input type="checkbox"/> Review student performance and takes appropriate action.	<input type="checkbox"/> Little or no evidence that the counselor reviews student performance.

**School Counselor Support/Reflection**

**Administrative Comments:**

**Consulting and Student Advocacy** – The school counselor advocates for students and consults with staff, family and community resources to assist and support work with students to ensure success.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>Proficient</b>	<b>Needs Improvement</b>
<b>Student Advocacy</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Serves as advocate for students, being proactive in establishing preventative and supportive measures to effectively meet student needs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Serves as advocate for students, working effectively with students, parents, teachers and staff to develop strategies in meeting student needs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Little or no evidence that the counselor serves as an advocate for students.
<b>Resource Consultation/Collaboration</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Consults effectively with students, parents, teachers and other school staff to establish, implement, monitor and revise plans to meet student needs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Consults effectively with students, parents, teachers and other school staff to assist in meeting student needs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Little or no evidence that the counselor consults effectively with students, parents, teachers, and other school staff to assist in meeting needs of students.

**School Counselor Support/Reflection:**

**Administrative Comments:**

**Program Coordination**– The school counselor coordinates with school and community organizations to bring resources to students and utilizes the referral process to assist students and others to access special programs and services.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>Proficient/Satisfactory</b>	<b>Needs Improvement</b>
<b>School/Community Resource Coordination</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Seeks out resources in the community, and makes them available for students who need them in the school and the district.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is aware of how to gain access to school and district resources for students who need them.	<input type="checkbox"/> Little or no evidence that the counselor is aware of school or district resources.
<b>Student Referral Processes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Establishes effective working relationships with outside services and makes appropriate referrals for psychological, social work, health and community services. Provides information on outside services.	<input type="checkbox"/> Establishes an effective working relationship with outside services and makes appropriate referrals for psychological, social work, health and community services.	<input type="checkbox"/> Little or no evidence that the counselor establishes an effective working relationship with outside services nor makes appropriate referrals for psychological, social work, health and community services.

**School Counselor Support/Reflection:**

**Administrative Comments:**



**Professionalism** – The school counselor shall demonstrate professional behaviors associated with all professions and professional behaviors specific to the teaching/counseling profession and the district.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>Proficient/Satisfactory</b>	<b>Needs Improvement</b>
<b>Professional Responsibilities</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance counselor develops and implements a system to maintain accurate records for all instructional and non-instructional information such as student progress, attendance and special need student requirements. Guidance counselor completes all administrative requests on time.	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance counselor maintains accurate records for all instructional and non-instructional information such as student progress, attendance and special need student requirements with few errors. Guidance counselor completes most administrative requests on time.	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance counselor records for instructional and non-instructional information such as student progress, attendance and special need student requirements are incoherent or non-existent.. Guidance counselor routinely fails to complete administrative requests on time.
<b>Attendance/Punctuality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance counselor attends work regularly, per Contract of Agreement, and is punctual for all school related duties and/or functions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance counselor attends work regularly, per Contract of Agreement, and is punctual for most school related duties and/or functions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance counselor does not attend work regularly, per Contract of Agreement, or is tardy or absent from all school related duties and/or functions.
<b>Policy and Procedures</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance counselor supports and adheres to all the district and building policies and procedures.	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance counselor supports and adheres to most of the district and building policies and procedures.	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance counselor does not support or adhere to many of the district and building policies and procedures
<b>Professional Growth/Activities</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance counselor actively and independently seeks professional development opportunities and modes live-long learning. Guidance counselor consistently contributes to building and district activities which promote the well-being of students, a positive school and district culture.	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance counselor actively participates in required professional development opportunities and modes live-long learning. Guidance counselor sometimes contributes to building and district activities which promote the well-being of students, a positive school and district culture.	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance counselor does not attend or actively participate in required professional development opportunities. Guidance counselor does not contribute to building and district activities.
<b>Professional Characteristics</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance counselor always dresses in a professional manner. Guidance counselor always uses appropriate language, mannerisms and behaviors that are representative of a positive role model for the district. Guidance counselor establishes and maintains mutually respectful relationships with students, staff, parents and administrators.	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance counselor dresses in a professional manner. Guidance counselor uses appropriate language, mannerisms and behaviors that are representative of a positive role model for the district. Guidance counselor attempts to establish and maintain mutually respectful relationships with students, staff, parents and administrators.	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance counselor does not dresses in a professional manner. Guidance counselor uses inappropriate language, mannerisms and behaviors that do not promote a positive role model for the district. Guidance counselor rarely establishes and maintains mutually respectful relationships with students, staff, parents and administrators.

**School Counselor Support/Reflection:**

**Administrative Comments:**

## GOALS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Year Goal Progress

Goal(s)

**General Administrative Comments:**

**School Counselor Response:**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: This review has been discussed with me in a conference with my supervisor.

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Signature of Employee

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Signature of Evaluator

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Date

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Date

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