

BEST PRACTICE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELING

COLLABORATIVE CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION

- Deliver curriculum through classroom lessons in cooperation with classroom teacher
- Evaluate school/student data and outcomes
- Develop a rapport with every student and teacher



35-45% of counselors time
14-20 hours per week

RESPONSIVE SERVICES

- Tier 2 & 3
 - Individual Counseling
 - Group Counseling
- Crisis Counseling
- Trauma-Informed/Restorative Practices
- Referrals to appropriate community resources



30-40% of counselors time
12-16 hours per week

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Elementary school counselor's program management should enhance student achievement and promote success by offering indirect services such as advocacy, outreach, collaboration, consultation, and referrals.

should not exceed 15% of school counselor time



PREVENTION

The role of the elementary school counselor is to implement a program where the main focus is prevention. Therefore, the majority of school counselor time is spent providing support at the Tier 1 level.



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Elementary school counselors play a vital role as part of the school leadership team. We collaborate with administration, staff, parents, and stakeholders to help students thrive academically and emotionally, setting them up for a brighter future!

Appropriate Activities for Elementary Counselors

Providing counseling to students who have disciplinary problems

Collaborating with teachers to present school counseling lessons

Helping school principal identify and resolve student issues, needs, and problems

Advocating for students at individual education plan meetings and 504's

Provide individual and small-group counseling services to students

Inappropriate activities for Elementary Counselors

Performing disciplinary actions or assigning discipline consequences

Teaching classes when teachers are absent

Assisting with duties in the principal's office

Coordinating schoolwide individual education plans and 504's

Provide therapy or long-term counseling in schools



FAIR SHARE RESPONSIBILITIES

As part of the educational team, school counselors take on "fair share" responsibilities, just like other educators at the school. While we're happy to contribute, it's essential not to assign us non-counseling duties regularly. Let's work together to support students!