

The Role of School Counselors and Psychologists

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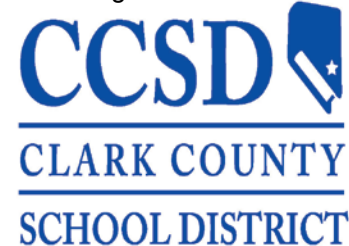


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The Role of the School Counselor

Professional School Counselors provide services to students and serve as advocates for school success.

American School Counselor Association-National Standards

Nevada School Counselor Program: K-12 Standards

Annual Guaranteed Level of Service (AGLS) by CCSD

Domains:

- ❖ **Academic Development**
- ❖ **Personal/Social**
- ❖ **Career Development**



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School Counselors - Educational Support

- ❖ Academic Support, including organizational, study and test taking skills
- ❖ Academic and Post Secondary Planning
- ❖ Character Education (Respect, Caring, Empathy, etc.)
- ❖ Goal Setting
- ❖ Decision Making
- ❖ Peer Relationships
- ❖ Coping Strategies
- ❖ Effective Social Skills
- ❖ Problem Solving and Conflict Resolution
- ❖ Transition Activities



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School Counselors - Staffing

CCSD Staffing Allocations

- ❖ High School = 1:400
- ❖ Middle School = 1:500
- ❖ Elementary School = different formula based on enrollment and needs

ASCA recommends 1:250 Counselor to Student Ratio



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School Counselors – Staffing

| 2013-14 Districtwide Averages | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| SCHOOL TYPE | COUNSELORS | STUDENT COUNT | COUNSELOR TO STUDENT RATIO |
| Elementary | 167 | 149,398 | 1 Counselor for every 895 Students |
| Middle School | 147 | 70,807 | 1 Counselor for every 482 Students |
| High School | 248 | 92,520 | 1 Counselor for every 373 Students |
| ESD | 33 | 1,321 | 1 Counselor for every 40 Students |
| Total | 595 | 314,046 | 1 Counselor for every 528 Students |

*Based on the student count reported in the 2013-14 Official CCSD Enrollment and Demographics figures prepared by Student Records



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School Psychologists - Staffing

❖ Psychological Services Department Office

- Director
- 3 Support Staff

❖ School-Based Services - Assignments

- Six Supervising Coordinators
- 186 Licensed School Psychologists
- Four Psychological Services Assistants

❖ Threat Evaluation & Crisis Response Department – “On Call” Services

- One Supervising Coordinator
- Four Licensed School Counselors
- Five Licensed School Psychologists
- Two Support Staff Positions

Note: CCSD allocates staff at a 1500:1 student to staff ratio whereas NASP recommends a ratio of 500-700:1



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School Psychologists– Routine Services

❖ School-Based Psychoeducational Services

- Consultation & collaborative problem solving – at risk students
- Direct services – skills development for students/teachers/parents
- Conducting formal evaluations – special education and Section 504
- Other services – crisis intervention, professional development, etc.

Note: Service demands vary by level

❖ Student Threat Evaluation & Crisis Response

- Threat assessments – helping to manage threats against others
- Suicide Ideation assessments – consultative and direct assistance
- Safety reentry planning – counseling and community liaison supports
- Postvention – assistance after a death or critical event
- Other services – support for school-based screenings, etc.



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Psychological Services – Support for Initiatives

Response to Instruction (RTI) Framework – Multi-Tiered Systems of Support

- Universal Screening and Progress Monitoring Practices
- School Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
- Strategic Mental Health Services
- Ongoing Training of School-Based RTI Teams
- Ongoing Monitoring of Disproportionality in Special Education



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