

School: _____ Name of Counselor: _____

Role of the School Counselor in Personal-Social Development

With variations depending on the needs of the school community, the school counselor's role in terms of student personal-social development often includes:

- providing on-going support to students (i.e., **individual counseling** and **thematic group counseling**), as well as to staff members in order to ensure student success.
- helping students acquire **resiliency, coping, decision-making, interpersonal, and mediation skills**.
- fostering student motivation by helping students to connect short-term and long-term **goals**.
- facilitating **social/emotional learning opportunities** and restorative approaches to reduce disciplinary referrals and suspension rates.
- facilitating and coordinating access to **guidance lessons** related to personal-social development.
- supporting school-wide efforts to positively impact school culture and climate including a focus on **transitions** (i.e., articulation, returning from alternative settings, etc.).
- building **home-school-community alliances** and facilitating access to community resources.
- providing **crisis intervention counseling** and **mental health referrals** as needed.
- addressing bullying and participating in the school-wide [Respect for All](#) initiative.
- working closely with school administration and faculty in terms of [child abuse prevention and intervention](#).
- providing support and advocacy for students and families with a **wide range of social-emotional needs** including but not limited to: marginalized populations, [temporary housing](#), [substance abuse](#), court involvement, teen pregnancy, and parenting teens.
- connecting students to activities, electives, **youth leadership opportunities** and **community services** based on their personal and career interests.

In summary, school counselors support schools in providing a **whole child education**, as well as in helping students to pursue their fullest potential.