



New York City Department of Education
Report on Guidance Counselors
Pursuant to Local Law 56 of 2014
February 15, 2016

Report Pursuant to Reporting Requirements in Local Law 56 of 2014

Background

Chapter 3 to Title 21-A of the Administrative Code of the City of New York (Int. No. 403-A) enacted in 2014 as Local Law 56 requires annual reporting on guidance counselors no later than the fifteenth of February.

Data is gathered from various sources, including the Division of Human Resources, The Division of Teaching and Learning, the Division of Specialized Instruction and Support and the Research Policy and Support Group.

Int. No 403-A specifies that the report shall include:

- i. The number of full and part-time guidance counselors and social workers in each school.

Title	Total	Full-time	Part-time
Guidance Counselor	2,850	2,742	108
Social Worker	1,193	1,170	23
Total	4,043	3,912	131

Note: part – time data are FTEs rounded to nearest whole number. These totals are exclusive of ATRs.

See Appendices A and B

- ii. The guidance counselor and social worker to student ratio in each school.

Guidance Counselor Ratio

1:353 All schools

1:224 Schools with high school grades

Guidance Counselor and Social Worker Ratio

1:250 All schools

1:172 Schools with high school grades

A low guidance counselor and social worker to student ratio doesn't mean a school is not providing counseling or postsecondary planning services. Middle and high schools often engage teachers and other school staff to support the counseling program.

See Appendices A and B. School-level ratios include ATR guidance counselors on a long-term assignment.

- iii. Whether the guidance counselor or social worker is providing counseling assistance to more than one school.

Guidance counselors – 127 schools have a guidance counselor who serves more than one location (60 guidance counselors).

Social workers – 22 schools have a social worker who serves more than one location (9 social workers)

See Appendices A and B

- iv. The number of guidance counselors and social workers who provide counseling services as mandated by an IEP as of December 15th of the current school year.

Title	Servicing Counseling Mandates
Guidance Counselor	1,760
Social Worker	378
Contracted Agency Provider	83
GRAND TOTAL	2,221

- v. The number of staff in each school who had received professional development or training in postsecondary planning as of the prior school year.

1,074 total in 577 schools with a graduating senior

See Appendix C

- vi. The number of licensed and certified bilingual guidance counselors and social workers in each school.

Bilingual Providers (These numbers reflect those who are working on a bilingual license. There are likely others who are bilingual but who are working on a monolingual license):

- 327 Guidance Counselors
- 252 Social Workers

See Appendices A and B

Additional information to be included:

- The number of guidance counselors and social workers in the absent teacher reserve pool for grades seven through twelve, and information regarding any guidance memorandums issued by the department regarding college preparedness.

Title	Count
ATR Guidance Counselor (Grade 7-12)	159
ATR Social Worker (Grade 7-12)	56
GRAND TOTAL	215

Note: As of February 2015, 23 of 159 ATR guidance counselors (Grades 7-12) and 1 of the 56 ATR social workers (Grade 7-12) are on long-term assignment at a specific school. The remaining 6 ATR guidance counselors on a long-term assignment are at elementary schools.

- Demographic information for students in each school, including, but not limited to race, ethnicity, English language learner status, special education status, and the percentage of students eligible for free and reduced price lunch. Demographic data is based on SY2014-15 with the exception of schools that opened in July 2015. Please be advised that the data for these schools (15K839, 28Q349 and 28Q358) is still preliminary and Special Education data is not yet available.

See Appendix D

Appendices

- Appendix A School-level data on Guidance Counselors
(Note: Ratios calculated using 2014-15 enrollment data;
for schools that opened in 2015 we are using preliminary
2015-16 enrollment data.)
- Appendix B School-level data on Social Workers
- Appendix C School-level data on postsecondary planning training
- Appendix D School-level demographic snapshot 2014-15
(Note: 2015-16 demographic snapshot will be available on the DOE
website later this year.)