

## **Benefits of the Comprehensive Developmental Guidance and Counseling Program**

### **1. Benefits for Students**

- Improves academic performance and success in school.
- Promotes knowledge for career exploration and development.
- Develops decision-making and problem-solving skills.
- Assists in acquiring knowledge of self and relating effectively to others.
- Broadens knowledge of our changing world.
- Increases opportunities for counselor/student interaction.
- Increases opportunities for consistent counseling services throughout the school year.

### **2. Benefits for Parents**

- Provides support for parents regarding their child's educational development.
- Involves parents in their child's educational development.
- Increases opportunities for parent/school communication.
- Increases knowledge of the assistance/information parents and students can receive from the counselor and school.

### **3. Benefits for Administrators**

- Provides developmental and comprehensive guidance program structure with specific content.
- Provides a means of evaluating the guidance program and personnel implementing the program.
- Enhances the image of the guidance program and school in the community.
- Promotes program accountability.
- Promotes a program responsive to the student's and school's needs.

### **4. Benefits for Teachers**

- Encourages positive, supportive working relationships.
- Supports a team effort to address student needs and core standards and competencies.
- Increases the likelihood of academic success.

### **5. Benefits for Local Boards of Education**

- Provides an assurance that a quality comprehensive guidance and counseling program is available to all students.
- Provides a basis for determining funding allocations.

### **6. Benefits for Business, Industry and Labor**

- Provides a potential work force with decision-making skills, pre-employment skills and increased worker maturity.
- Provides increased opportunity for collaboration among counselors and business, industry and labor communities.
- Enhances the role of the counselor as a resource person.
- Increases opportunities for business, industry and labor to participate actively in the total school program.

### **7. Benefits for Counseling Personnel**

- Provides a clearly defined role and function.
- Increases effectiveness and efficiency in performing counseling functions.
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- Provides a tool for program management.
- Outlines clearly defined responsibilities for specific student standards.
- Promotes participation on interdisciplinary curriculum teams.
- Links schools to community resources for cost-effective provision of specialized services.