

Traditional School Counselor Model

Overview

The Idaho certification standards for school counselors are in part adopted from the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) standards and includes training in college and career advising. Comprehensive school counseling programs based on the ASCA standards in school districts and charter schools will include time for college and career advising.

School districts may use funds received through the college and care advising and mentoring distribution to expand existing counseling programs to provide targeted college and career advising. Funds may be used to enhance existing programs and cannot be used to supplant existing funding being used for counseling services.

Performance Measures

School districts and charter schools using funds provided through the college and career advising allocation will be required to report on the effectiveness of their program. Performance measures must align to the requirements pursuant to Idaho Code, §33-1212A. The annual reports for school districts and charter schools expanding counseling services will need to show that the funds were used to expand services specific to college and career advising. Additional performance measures may vary depending on students served and could include the following:

- Students Advised
- Group Presentations
- FASFA Completion Rates
- Students graduating high school with an Associate's degree
- College Application Completion Rates
- College Scholarship Completion Rates
- Postsecondary Enrollment Rates

Training

- Teacher preparation programs, including pre-service school counselor training, includes college and career advising training as part of the ASCA standards.
- Collaborative Counselor Training Initiative (CCTI) courses and programs are currently being offered through the Idaho Digital Learning Academy (<https://www.idahodigitalllearning.org/programs/professional-development/ccti/>).
- Idaho School Counselors Association has contact information for other individuals in Idaho who provide college and career advising training that is in alignment with the ASCA standards.

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