

System Support

The System Support component describes services and management activities which indirectly benefit students. These services include:

- Consultation with the teachers;
- Support for the parent education program and community relations effort;
- Participation in the campus-based school improvement plans and goals;
- Implementation of the state and local standardized testing program;
- Cooperation with relevant research projects; and
- Provision of input from the student's perspective to policy-makers and instructional/curriculum planners.

Management activities are required to assure the delivery of a high quality guidance program. These activities include:

- Program development and management;
- Counselor staff development;
- Community outreach; and
- Development of appropriate written policies, procedures and guidelines.

The school counselors consult with teachers and administrators on behalf of students, parents, and the guidance program and staff. They often collect, summarize, and interpret data generated by the testing program. Additionally, they manage the guidance program, pursue professional development, cooperate in the implementation of school-wide, district-wide or state-wide activities, and coordinate guidance related activities which are assigned to them.