

# WHO ARE SCHOOL COUNSELORS?

School counselors are certified/licensed educators who improve student success for ALL students by implementing a comprehensive school counseling program



## SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S ROLE

School counselors are vital members of the education team and maximize student success

### ► Help all students:

- apply academic achievement strategies
- manage emotions and apply interpersonal skills
- plan for postsecondary options (higher education, military, work force)

### ► Appropriate duties include providing:

- individual student academic planning and goal setting
- school counseling classroom lessons based on student success standards
- short-term counseling to students
- referrals for long-term support
- collaboration with families/teachers/administrators/community for student success
- advocacy for students at individual education plan meetings and other student-focused meetings
- data analysis to identify student issues, needs and challenges



## SCHOOL COUNSELOR QUALIFICATIONS

### ► Hold, at minimum, a master's degree in school counseling

### ► Meet the state certification/licensure standards

### ► Fulfill continuing education requirements

### ► Uphold ASCA ethical and professional standards

## EMPLOYED AT ALL LEVELS

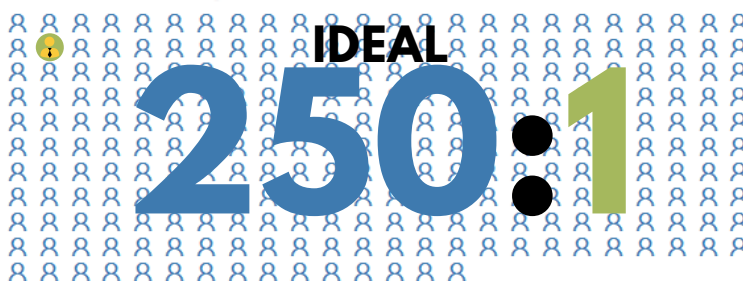
ELEMENTARY

MIDDLE/  
JUNIOR HIGH

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SCHOOL

## IDEAL CASELOAD

250 students per school counselor



# MASCA

Massachusetts School Counselors Association