

- **The mission of the Comprehensive School Counseling and Guidance Program is to enable ALL students, regardless of individual differences, to acquire the educational preparation, college and career readiness skills, and social awareness necessary to reach their highest potential in an ever-changing society.**

The Paulding County School District professional school counseling program has aligned the work with the American School Counseling Association's (ASCA) National Model. The ASCA National Standards reflect the expectations for all students to achieve. Professional school counselors support students in three areas of their lives: academic, career, and personal/social. School counselors collaboratively work with all stakeholders in the following delivery systems:

1. **School Counseling Curriculum** - guidance lessons or activities to promote the knowledge, attitudes and skills in three content areas: academic achievement, career development, and personal/social growth. The information is delivered via classroom guidance, group activities (intentional guidance), and parent workshops and instruction.
2. **Individual Student Planning** - activities designed to assist students to establish personal goals and develop future plans, which include career exploration, interest inventories, and individual or small group advisement. These activities meet mandated BRIDGE (Building Resourceful Individuals to Develop *Georgia's* Economy) advisement requirements and provide support for every student to be college and career ready.
3. **Responsive Services** - activities that meet each student's immediate needs and concerns, such as consultation, individual and small group counseling, crisis counseling, referrals, and peer facilitation.
4. **System Support** - activities that enhance the school counseling program and support the school. The activities include professional development, consultation and collaboration, and program management and operations.