

NC State Board of Education Summary: October 2013

We have ranked this 4 on a scale of 1 to 5. This is our opinion of the importance of this for educators making decisions. Significant change that required redistribution of testing duties.

Committee: ES&P-Educator Standards and Practices

SBE Minutes Summary:

EVAL-026: Evaluation Standards and Criteria: School Counseling
 The State Board of Education voted unanimously to be compliant with the legislation of the NC General Assembly pursuant to this law.

Policy has been updated twice since 10/2013. Requires School Counselors to spend at least 80% of their work time providing direct services to students. Direct student services do not include test coordination.

Relevant Section of Statute:

115C-361.1, Section 8.35

- 115C-316.1. Duties of school counselors.

(a) School counselors shall implement a comprehensive developmental school counseling program in their schools. Counselors shall spend at least eighty percent (80%) of their work time providing direct services to students. Direct services do not include the coordination of standardized testing. Direct services shall consist of:

(1) Delivering the school guidance curriculum through large group guidance, interdisciplinary curriculum development, group activities, and parent workshops.

(2) Guiding individual student planning through individual or small group assistance and individual or small group advisement.

(3) Providing responsive services through consultation with students, families, and staff; individual and small group counseling; crisis counseling; referrals; and peer facilitation.

(4) Performing other student services listed in the Department of Public Instruction school counselor job description that has been approved by the State Board of Education.

(b) School counseling program support activities do not include the coordination of standardized testing. During the remainder of their work time, school counselors may assist other staff with the coordination of standardized testing. (2013-360, s. 8.35(a); 2014-100, s.

8.33(a).)

Relevant links and Documents:

https://www.ncleg.net/enactedlegislation/statutes/pdf/bysection/chapter_115c/gs_115c-316.1.pdf

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