




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Dr. Miguel A. Cardona, Commissioner of Education 

DATE: December 17, 2020

RE: Connecticut Comprehensive School Counseling Framework

The State Department of Education (CSDE), in collaboration with the Connecticut School Counselor Association, developed the Kindergarten to Grade 12 [Connecticut Comprehensive School Counseling Framework](#). The Framework provides a blueprint for certified school counselors to ensure services and programming in academic, social-emotional learning, postsecondary education, and career readiness for all students.

Pursuant to Public Act 19-63, *An Act Concerning Guidelines For A Comprehensive School Counselor Program*, the State Board of Education has adopted the [Position Statement on the Connecticut Comprehensive School Counseling Framework](#). The adoption of the Position Statement solidifies the State Board's commitment to the importance of the implementation of comprehensive school counseling programs, guided by the Framework, in all Connecticut schools.

The Framework provides instructions on developing, implementing, and sustaining the delivery of systemic school counseling services to students and families. It aligns with the American School Counselor Association Model 4th edition and the Connecticut Student and Educator Support Specialist Evaluation Rubric.

The Framework:

- ensures that counseling is delivered to all students systemically and includes tiered supports;
- provides components to evaluate effectiveness of the Framework's implementation based on student outcomes and guides the necessary adjustments to improve programming;
- assists schools in implementing a developmentally appropriate school counseling delivery system aligned with the new student K-12 competencies; and
- supports the use of data to drive informed decision-making to address equity and access.

We hope you find this information useful. Please contact Kimberly Traverso if you have questions at kimberly.traverso@ct.gov or visit the CSDE [School Counseling](#) webpage.

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