

# School Counselor



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It's a typical Tuesday at your school and the school counselor has a full day ahead. First up is a meeting with the principal to discuss student schedules for next semester. Then comes a class visit to talk with students about how to prevent bullying. The afternoon is devoted to counseling individual students about personal problems. After school it is time to lead a teacher meeting about this year's big career fair.

*(Feel free to use the back of this sheet for longer answers)*

## What Do School Counselors Do?

School counselors work to make sure that students are okay now and that they are prepared to do well in the future. They work with students in three main areas: academic success, career exploration and planning, and social and emotional development needs. Add the fact that most school counselors work with hundreds of students, and you'll see just how big a job school counselors have.

School counselors need at least a master's degree in school counseling before they qualify to work in an elementary, middle or high school. They play an important role in any school community and enjoy helping students succeed.

### CHALLENGE #1: Go online to find out...

What kind of skills you would need to do this job?

What would a typical day on the job be like?

What kinds of places could you work in?

How would you make a difference in the world?

Why would (or wouldn't) you like doing a job like this?

### CHALLENGE #2: *Career Think Tank*



The school counselor is in -- and it is you!

What kinds of issues are students at your school dealing with? Bullying? Poor grades? Figuring out what kind of career they want to pursue?

Pick an issue and plan an activity to help students understand or deal with the problem. Maybe it's a special class visit to inform and encourage students. Maybe it's a special field trip or afterschool club.

Make a flyer to invite students to invite students to participate in your activity. Include as many details as you can so students know what to expect.