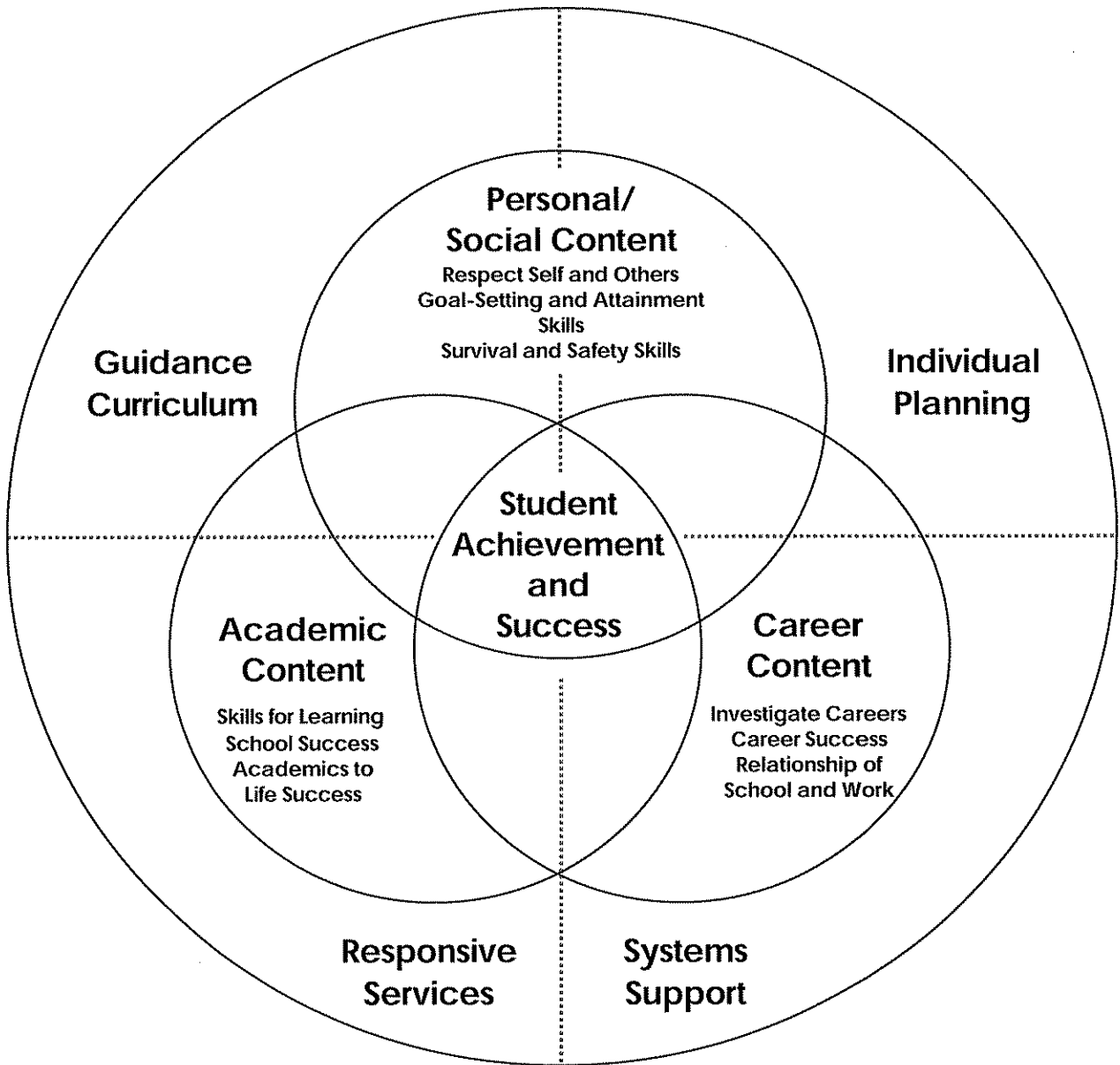


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Connecticut Comprehensive School Counseling Program

Conceptual Framework of a Comprehensive School Counseling Program



Benefits of the Comprehensive School Counseling Program

Benefits for Students

1. Promotes knowledge and assistance in career exploration and development.
2. Develops decision-making skills.
3. Increases knowledge of self and others.
4. Broadens knowledge of our changing world.
5. Increases opportunities for counselor-student interaction.

Benefits for Parents

1. Provides support for parents regarding their child's educational development.
2. Develops a system for a child's long-range planning.
3. Increases opportunities for parent/counselor interaction.
4. Enables parents to obtain resources when needed.

Benefits for Teachers

1. Encourages positive, supportive working relationships.
2. Provides a team effort to address "Key Skills and Core Learning Competencies."
3. Enhances the role of the counselor as a resource person.

Benefits for Business, Industry and Labor

1. Provides increased opportunity for collaboration among counselors and business, industry, and labor communities.
2. Enhances the role of the counselor as a resource person.
3. Increases opportunities for business, industry and labor to participate actively in the total school program.
4. Provides a potential work force with decision-making skills, pre-employment skills, and increased worker maturity.

Benefits for Boards of Education

1. Provides rationale for including a comprehensive school counseling program in the school system.
2. Provides program information to district patrons.
3. Provides ongoing information about student competencies attained through program efforts.
4. Provides a basis for allocating funds for guidance programs.

Benefits for Administrators

1. Provides program structure with specific content.
2. Provides a means of evaluating guidance program efforts (accountability).
3. Enhances the image of the guidance program in the community.

Benefits for School Counselors

1. Provides a clearly defined role and function.
2. Eliminates non-guidance functions.
3. Offers the opportunity reach a large majority of students.
4. Provides a framework for program management.
5. Outlines clearly defined responsibilities for specific student competencies.

Benefits for Pupil Personnel

1. Provides school psychologists, social workers and other pupil personnel staff with a clearly defined role and function of the counselor.
2. Clarifies areas of overlapping responsibilities.
3. Encourages a positive team approach enhancing cooperative work relationships.

Note: "Benefits" adapted from The Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program, Missouri State Department of Education, Jefferson City, MO