Appropriate Activities for School Counselors

- individual student academic program planning
- interpreting cognitive, aptitude and achievement tests
- providing counseling to students who are tardy or absent
- providing counseling to students who have disciplinary problems
- providing counseling to students as to appropriate school dress
- collaborating with teachers to present school counseling core curriculum lessons
- analyzing grade-point averages in relationship to achievement
- interpreting student records
- providing teachers with suggestions for effective classroom management
- ensuring student records are maintained as per state and federal regulations
- helping the school principal identify and resolve student issues, needs and problems
- providing individual and small-group counseling services to students
- advocating for students at individual education plan meetings, student study teams and school attendance review boards
- analyzing disaggregated data

Inappropriate Activities for School Counselors

- coordinating paperwork and data entry of all new students
- coordinating cognitive, aptitude and achievement testing programs
- signing excuses for students who are tardy or absent
 - performing disciplinary actions or assigning discipline consequences
 - sending students home who are not appropriately dressed
 - teaching classes when teachers are absent
 - computing grade-point averages
 - maintaining student records
 - supervising classrooms or common areas
 - keeping clerical records
- nelping the school principal identify and assisting with duties in the principal's office
 - providing therapy or long-term counseling in schools to address psychological disorders
 - coordinating schoolwide individual education plans, student study teams and school attendance review boards
 - serving as a data entry clerk

