

CALIFORNIA: STATE OF THE STATE

1028 School districts

10,366 Schools

6,236,672 Total enrollment

295,093 Teachers

7,731 School counselors

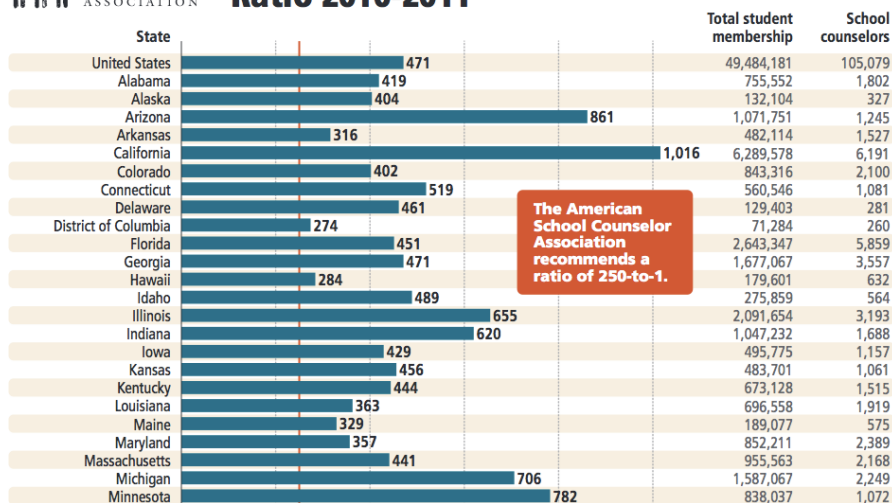
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sd/cb/ceffingertipfacts.asp>

California Ratios:

- **29%** of California school districts don't have a school counseling program
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/cg/rh/couseffective.asp>
- Between 2007–08 and 2011–12, the number of counselors in the 30 largest districts **dropped by 20 percent**, of those 30 districts 22 cut back on counseling staff.
- **Most elementary schools have no counselors.** At the high school level, a counselor's main job can be making sure that students graduate and take the courses they need to get into college. "Counselors are torn between being mental health and academic counselors," EdSource Survey, March 2012. <http://edsources.org/2012/california-near-bottom-in-numbers-of-school-counselors/24557#.VF6swOeCYUs>



Student-to-School-Counselor Ratio 2010-2011



California Education Code Section 49600-49604

Does not require school counselors

49600. (a) The governing board of any school district **may provide** a comprehensive educational counseling program for all pupils enrolled in the schools of the district.

CCTC Credentialing Information

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/reports/services-cred-08-09-to-12-13.pdf>

- There are 41 Commission-approved program sponsors offering PPS preparation programs
- School counseling PPS credentials on DECLINE (-17% from 2008-2013)
- There was an increase (by 44.3 percent) for the Out-of-State Prepared
- **There was a decrease** (18.4 percent) in the number of individuals providing school counseling services in the public schools between 2008-09 and 2012-13.
- **California ranked 50th** in the country in the School Counselor-Per-Pupil ratio.
- There was a significant shift in the proportion of specialty areas under PPS professionals: school counseling was 70 percent in 2008-09 and dropped to 61 percent in 2012-13.

Information On Teacher Advisement Programs: Education Code Section 49600

There is no definition in the Education Code of what may or may not be included in an advisory program or whether all or part of the duties described for school counselors maybe assumed by teacher advisors. <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/manuals-handbooks/Advisory-on-Teacher-Advisement-Pgms.pdf>

LCFF/LCAP - ALL FUNDING DECISIONS NOW MADE LOCALLY

School counselors **have not been included** in the process or recommended as a priority.

California <http://www.schoolcounselor.org/>

Is school counseling mandated for grades K-8? **No**

Is school counseling mandated for grades 9-12? **No**

Mandated school counselor-to-student ratio: **None**

Source of mandate: Education Code

Who funds mandate? N/A State Budget Act

WHAT ABOUT AB 1802?

The California State Budget Act of 2006 (AB 1802, Chapter 79) amended the California Education Code to ensure that students in grades 7-12 receive counseling services. ***The funding, but the requirements are no longer in place.***

Higher Ed School Counselor Credential Programs

There are NO Counselor Education Doctoral Programs in CA (on-line only)

Most Professors teaching the next generation of school counselors are:

- Trained out of state
- Trained in another field
- Current or retired practitioners serving in adjunct roles

Of the 41 Commission-approved program sponsors offering one or more of the PPS credential preparation programs 6 are not active and at least 1 more is currently teaching out its program.

Active Institutions of Higher Education Offering School Counseling Programs

54% (19) are offered at private institutions

45% (16) are offered at CSU/UC institutions

General PPS program information:

- 48-60 units
- Modeled after CCTC 2000 standards - *only one career development standard*
- Most with behavioral management/intervention focus
- Some with added Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor with a mental health focus
- Majority have only ONE class on career theories & development which does not include the college preparation and advisement process

No Requirement for Professional Development in CA to Renew a PPS Credential

In 2000 the CCTC standards were adopted and in 2003 the ASCA model was launched. Despite its release, school counselors may not have been not trained with the knowledge and skills they need to design and implement data driven programs to meet the ever-changing college and career readiness needs of today's youth, especially those traditionally underrepresented.

Administrators receive NO Training in School Counseling

10,531 potential administrators graduated *without learning anything* about school counseling or how to utilize the school counselor's expertise.