

North Carolina School Counselor Association Legislative Agenda 2015-2016

- **Protecting School Counselor Positions**
Prevent cuts to the North Carolina state budget for instructional support personnel, which includes school counselors.
- **Protecting Time Spent in Direct Service to Students**
Protect the minimum of 80% of school counselors' time for direct service to students, as recommended by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Model.
- **Offering Support and Resources to Improve Student Achievement**
Support funding for drop-out prevention programs, establishing anti-bullying and school safety programs that are based on evidenced-based practices.
- **Increasing the Pay Scale for School Counselors**
Make the school counselor salary schedule equal to that of other master's level professionals, such as school psychologists, speech pathologists, and audiologists.
- **Reducing Student-to-Counselor Ratios**
Support the ratio of 250 students to one school counselor as recommended by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) and the American Counseling Association (ACA).

Note: Every two years our association surveys its members to determine the significant items that will steer our Legislative Agenda. Members are surveyed at our fall conference.