



West Virginia DEPARTMENT OF
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Policy 2315, Comprehensive School Counseling Programs, and Other Student Support Services

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WVDE, Office of Federal Programs, Student Support & Well-being

Established in June 2020

“The West Virginia Department of Education Office of Student Support and Well-being (OSSW) brings several initiatives and programs under one umbrella to coordinate services for the whole child and ensures each student has at least one caring adult that keeps them connected to the school system. The OSSW’s collaborative infrastructure harnesses resources, best practices, momentum and expertise to prepare the whole child for post-secondary options whether that be education, employment or enlistment.”

TA and Support related to Professional Student Support Personnel



- CIS Coordinators
- School Counselors
- School Nurses
- School Psychologists
- Social Workers
- Homeless Liaisons

Initiatives that Support Student Well-Being

- 21st Century Community Learning Centers
- Communities In Schools
- Comprehensive School Counseling Programs
- County Family-Educator Resource Centers
- Expanded School Mental Health
- McKinney-Vento
- Project AWARE
- Summer SOLE



Empirical Research Studies Support the Value of School Counseling

Comprehensive, data-driven school counseling programs:

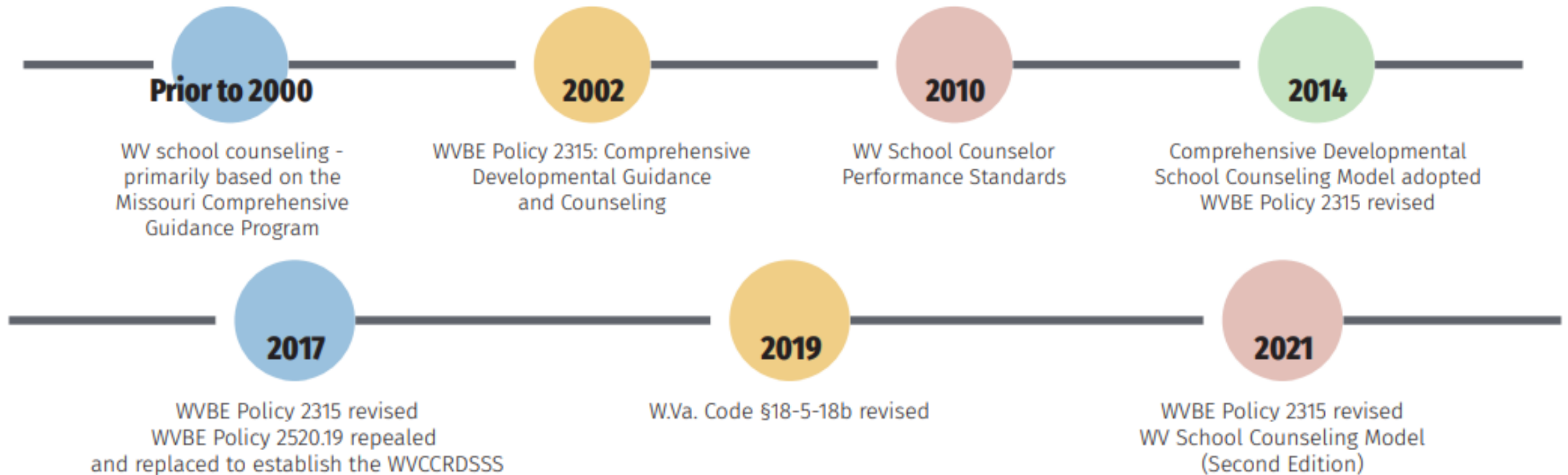
- Improve a range of student learning, academic, and behavioral outcomes.
- Increase attendance and a stronger sense of connection to school.
- Result in higher academic outcomes compared to schools without such programs.

Empirical Research Studies Support the Value of School Counseling

A low student-to-school counselor ratio leads to:

- Students begin more likely to succeed academically and behaviorally in school; this is particularly true for students in high-poverty schools.
- Students who are more likely to graduate and less likely to have behavioral problems.
- High school students making better-informed decisions related to post-secondary education planning.

History of School Counseling in WV



WVDE School Counseling Advisory Council Members



- **WVDE**

- Student Support & Well-Being
- Teaching & Learning
- Special Education
- Career & Technical Education/ Advanced Career Education
- Federal Programs (ESEA/IDEA/Compliance)
- School Improvement

- **WV Schools of Diversion & Transition**

- **WV School Employees**

- Superintendent
- Teachers
- Principals
- County Directors/Coordinators
- School Counselors (elementary, middle, high)

- **Higher Education**

- WV HEPC
- MU
- WVU

- **WV School Counselor Association**

- **American School Counselor Association**

- **Unions**

- AFT-WV
- WVEA

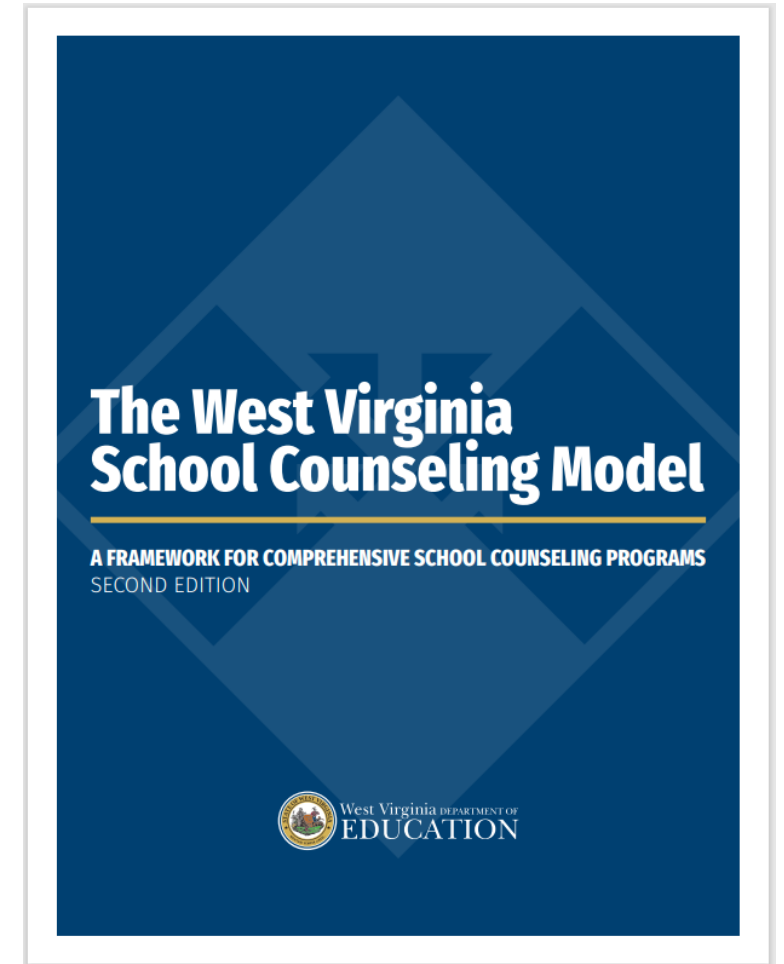
- **Region 5 Comprehensive Center Network**
(supportive role)

Revisions to WVBE Policy 2315

- Enhances the importance of establishing a CSCP in every school.
- Outlines specific responsibilities.
- Clearly defines the components of a data-driven, standards-focused, and evidence-based CSCP.
- Provides clarification and guidance aligned with Policies 2510, 2520.15, 2520.19, 4373, 5310, the WV School Counseling Model, and W. Va. Code §18-5-18b.

WV School Counseling Model, Second Edition

- Incorporates components of the ASCA model
 - ASCA Ethical Standards
 - ASCA Mindsets and Behaviors
- Incorporates components specific to WV
 - WV Standards for Student Success
 - WV Professional School Counselor Standards
 - WV Tiered System of Support
 - WV School Strategic Plans
 - WV data
- User-friendly tools for implementation



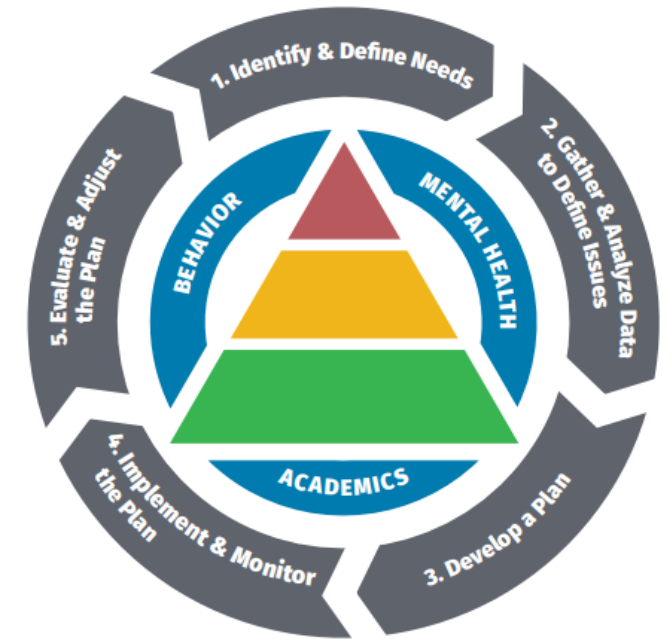
Counseling Services

Direct Services –

- Instruction
- Appraisal
- Advisement
- Personalized Student Planning
- Counseling

Indirect Services –

- Collaboration
- Consultation and referrals



Services are provided to ALL students to support academic, social/emotional, and college-and career readiness.

Policy 2315/School Counseling Model Training Timeline

Spring 2022

Ongoing virtual training for
school counselors
Virtual meeting/training for
county central office staff


Summer 2022

Regional in-person training for
principals

Fall 2022

School counselor conference
County Central Office Staff
meeting at the conference

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