



**New York City Public Schools**  
**Report on Guidance Counselors**  
**Pursuant to Local Law 56 of 2014**  
**February 15, 2025**

## Report Pursuant to Reporting Requirements in Local Law 56 of 2014

### Background

Chapter 3 to Title 21-A of the Administrative Code of the City of New York (Int. No. 403-A) enacted in 2014 as Local Law 56 requires annual reporting on guidance counselors no later than the fifteenth of February.

Data are gathered from various sources, including the Division of Human Capital, the Office of Youth and Safety Development, Office of Student Pathways, Office of the First Deputy Chancellor, Office of Community Schools, Division of Inclusive and Accessible Learning, and the Research & Policy Support Group.

Int. No. 403-A specifies that the report shall include:

- i. The number of full and part-time guidance counselors and social workers in each school. See Appendix A.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Full-time</b>	<b>Part-time</b>
Guidance Counselor	3,222	3,193	29
Social Worker	2,013	2,005	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,235</b>	<b>5,198</b>	<b>36</b>

*Note: Totals are inclusive of guidance counselors and social workers in the Absent Teacher Reserve, Schools Response Clinicians, High Needs SWs, Bridging the Gap SWs, High Needs GCs, and Single Shepherds. Numbers may not sum due to rounding.*

- ii. The guidance counselor and social worker to student ratio in each school. See Appendix A.

*Guidance Counselor Ratio*

*1:266 All schools*

*1:185 Schools with high school grades*

*Guidance Counselor and Social Worker Ratio*

*1:164 All schools*

*1:128 Schools with high school grades*

- iii. Whether the guidance counselor or social worker is providing counseling assistance to more than one school. See Appendix A.

*Guidance Counselors: 6 schools have a guidance counselor who serves more than one location. There are 6 guidance counselors who serve more than one location.*

*Note: Due to data availability issues, the SBST (School-based Support Team) adjustment, which more accurately captures the number of social workers serving more than one location, was not applied. As such, the total number of social workers serving more than one location could not be accurately determined for 2024-25. It is possible there are more guidance counselors and social workers serving more than one location as they may appear in only one school's Table of Organization rather than in multiple ones.*

- iv. The number of guidance counselors and social workers providing counseling services by DBN, as mandated by an IEP as of December 15th of the current school year.

Title	Servicing Counseling Mandates by DBN
Guidance Counselor	2,842
Social Worker	1,351
Contracted Agency Provider	36
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>4,229</b>

- v. The number of staff in each school who had received professional development or training in postsecondary planning as of the prior school year. See Appendix B.

*1,632 total in 572 schools with a graduating class*

- vi. The number of licensed and certified bilingual guidance counselors and social workers in each school. See Appendix A.

*Bilingual Providers:*

- *286 Guidance Counselors*
- *217 Social Workers*

Additional information to be included:

- The number of guidance counselors and social workers in the absent teacher reserve pool for grades seven through twelve, and information regarding any guidance memorandums issued by the department regarding college preparedness.

Title	Count
ATR Guidance Counselor	57
ATR Social Worker	22
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>

- Demographic information for students in each school, including, but not limited to race, ethnicity, English language learner status, special education status, and the percentage of students eligible for free and reduced price lunch. Demographic data is based on SY2023-24 with the exception of schools that opened in SY2024-25 (enrollment data for new schools is preliminary). Please note that the special education program data is now reflected as a percentage of the IEP recommended portion of school day in a general education setting (versus percentage of ICT, SETTS or Special Class as in previous years). The data are now reported as such to align with the State reporting requirements as well as the requirements set forth in Local Law 27.

*See Appendix*

## **Appendices**

- Appendix A School-level data on Guidance Counselors and Social Workers  
(Note: Ratios calculated using 2023-24 enrollment data unless the school opened in July 2024.)
- Appendix B School-level data on postsecondary planning training
- Appendix C School-level demographic snapshot 2023-24