



**Department of
Education**

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Report on Guidance Counselors

Pursuant to Local Law 56 of 2014

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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 is gathered from various sources, including the Division of Human Resources, the Division of Teaching and Learning, the Division of Specialized Instruction and Support, and the Research Policy and Support Group.

This year, the data reported includes additional context about schools' participation in initiatives and programs such as Learning to Work and Community Schools, which offer additional student support services. However, any counseling support provided through Learning to Work and Community Schools did not factor into total counts or ratios.

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.

Title	Total	Full-time	Part-time
Guidance Counselor	2,958	2,881	77
Social Worker	1,335	1,320	15
Total	4,293	4,201	92

Note: Totals are inclusive of guidance counselors and social workers in the Absent Teacher Reserve

See Appendices A and B

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

Guidance Counselor Ratio

1:333 All schools

1:216 Schools with high school grades

Guidance Counselor and Social Worker Ratio

1:231 All schools

1:162 Schools with high school grades

See Appendices A and B.

Whether the guidance counselor or social worker is providing counseling assistance to more than one school.

Guidance Counselors: 113 schools have a guidance counselor who serves more than one location. There are 56 guidance counselors who serve more than one location.

Social Workers: 19 schools have a social worker who serves more than one location. There are 8 social workers who serve more than one location.

See Appendices A and B

- iii. The number of guidance counselors and social workers who provide counseling services as mandated by an IEP as of December 15th of the current school year.

Title	Servicing Counseling Mandates
Guidance Counselor	1,694
Social Worker	333
Contracted Agency Provider	88
GRAND TOTAL	2,118

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

1,769 total in 624 schools with a graduating class

See Appendix C

- v. The number of licensed and certified bilingual guidance counselors and social workers in each school.

Bilingual Providers (These numbers reflect those who are working on a bilingual license. There are likely others who are bilingual but who are working on a monolingual license):

- 315 Guidance Counselors
- 249 Social Workers

See Appendices A and B

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 (Grade 7-12)	131
ATR Social Worker (Grade 7-12)	35
GRAND TOTAL	166

- 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 SY2017-18 with the exception of schools that opened in July 2018 (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 is now reported as such to align with the State reporting requirements as well as the requirements set forth in Local Law 27.

See Appendix D

Appendices

- Appendix A School-level data on Guidance Counselors
(Note: Ratios calculated using 2017-18 enrollment data.)
- Appendix B School-level data on Social Workers
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- Appendix C School-level data on postsecondary planning training
- Appendix D School-level demographic snapshot 2017-18

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