

Learning and education are very important parts in society because it helps people become well-rounded members of society. Learning and education also helps people to know more about the world around them and can give them the tools they need to make impactful changes in the future. Without learning and education, many people would lack having their own perspective to make decisions in their lives. Learning and education helps people construct the building blocks for their opinions and points of view that ultimately create large influences in the world around them.

School counselors can support these beliefs by ensuring that throughout the educational years of students' lives that they are exposed to various forms of learning, have the resources they need to succeed, and help them think about and develop plans for their future after school (Davis,2015). School counselors can help students learn about themselves and how they want to impact society. I believe that school counselors who have an active role in students' education can help students succeed academically, while helping them learn more about their personal and social lives. School counselors can even help play a large role in helping students have proper career development that can prepare them for life after secondary education (Davis, 2015).

### **Vision Statement**

The School Counseling Department of Makers High School will enable all students to be prepared for 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges and expectations, while ensuring they are college and career ready upon graduation. Students will partake in a comprehensive program that addresses academic, personal/social, and career goals that promotes the school, family, and community to work together in building a strong and bright future. The school environment will help students feel encouraged to explore themselves and grow, while promoting kindness and academic excellence. Makers High School Counselors will encourage students to reach their highest potential and instill students with a passion to be life-long learners. Students will be equipped with the resources needed to lead successful and productive lives and to provide positive changes in the future.

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the school counseling program is to provide a proactive and comprehensive school counseling program that is developmentally suitable for all students. The program will address supporting every students' academic and career goals in addition to personal, social, and emotional needs. School

counselors, teachers, administrators/staff, parents/guardians, and the community will partner together to support and inspire all students to grow to be productive, successful members of society and continual learners in an ever-changing world.

## SMART Goal

Issue: Low attendance rates among students

<b>Specific Issue</b> What is the specific issue based on our school's data?	Low attendance rates among students
<b>Measurable</b> How will we measure the effectiveness of our interventions?	We will measure to see if student attendance is increasing throughout the year. The goal is to see a 25% decrease in absences throughout the academic year.
<b>Attainable</b> What outcome would stretch us but is still attainable?	A 25% decrease in absences in a good goal for us to aim to reach. This is a realistic amount of change to see throughout the academic year in improving student absences.
<b>Results-Oriented</b> Is the goal reported in results-oriented data (process, perception, and outcome)?	Data would be reported about attendance daily. The school counselor can gather the total numbers of days absent for each student throughout the school year to determine if the goal of decreasing absences in met throughout the academic year.
<b>Time Bound</b> When will our goal be accomplished?	The goal will be completed by the end of the school year.

SMART Goal: Through the school counseling program, I will reduce absences of at-risk students (students who missed seven or more days of school last year) by 25% during the academic year of 2019-2020 by providing interventions tailored to promote attendance for at-risk students.

**Resources:**

American School Counselor Association (2012). The ASCA National Model: A Framework for School Counseling Programs, Third Edition. Alexandria, VA: Author.

Davis, T. E. (2015). Exploring school counseling: professional practices and perspectives. Australia: Cengage Learning.