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Student Success Skills: An Evidenced-Based Program to Impact Student Outcomes

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Agenda

• Student Success Skills: Overview
• ASCA Mindsets & Behaviors
• Practitioner Research Study
  • Design/Instruments/Results
  • School Counselor Experiences
• Questions
Student Success Skills

- Evidence-based program for building academic and social/behavioral skills, such as:
  - Listening, attending, reasoning, relating, studying

- Atlantic Education Consultants: Boca Raton, FL:
  - [www.studentsuccessskills.com](http://www.studentsuccessskills.com)
  - (561) 451-9719
  - Florida Atlantic University faculty
Student Success Skills

• 3 Developmental Levels:
  • K-1: Ready to Learn (RTL)
  • 2-3: Ready for Success (RFS)
  • 4-12: Student Success Skills (SSS)

• 5 classroom lessons + 1 “booster” lesson (can be repeated as often as needed)

• SSS has an optional 8-session small group component for skill reinforcement
RTL (K-1)

• Stories about “Fuzzy” and his friends

• Four Learning Skills:
  • Paying attention, listening & understanding, asking effective questions, encouragement

• Five Teaching Strategies:
  • Student story telling, story re-telling, encouragement council, peer reporting, modeling-coaching-cueing
ASCA Mindsets & Behaviors

- Replaced ASCA Student Standards in 2014
- Research-based “non-cognitive” factors
- Knowledge, Skills, Attitudes for college/career readiness, personal/social development, & academics
- Counselors (or advisory teams, states, districts, etc.) create competencies for each grade level

http://schoolcounselor.org/asca/media/asca/home/MindsetsBehaviors.pdf
College/Career OR Academic OR Personal/Social

Mindsets

Behaviors

Learning

Self-Management

Social

Standard 1

Local Competency 1

Domain

Category

Subcategory

Standard

Competency
ASCA Mindsets & Behaviors

• Grade level competencies:
  • What should students be able to do at each grade/age level in your school (or district, community, state)
  • Create your own or borrow: 
    ASCA Database (searchable)
Practitioner Research Study

- Choose standards (Mindsets & Behaviors)
- Create competencies
- Develop tool (rubric) to measure each
- Choose intervention (Student Success Skills)
- Collect pre-intervention data from teachers
- Implement lesson
- Collect post-intervention data from teachers
Practitioner Research Study

Category 2, Behavior Standards: Students will demonstrate the following standards through classroom lessons, activities and/or individual/small-group counseling:

**Learning Strategies (LS)**
4. Apply Self-Motivation and Self-Direction to Learning

**Self-Management Skills (SMS)**
2. Demonstrate Self Discipline and Self-Control
7. Demonstrate Effective Coping Skills When Faced with a Problem

**Social Skills (SS)**
1. Use Effective Listening Skills
2. Create Positive & Supportive Relationships with other Students
APPENDIX B: Behavior Rubric

Directions:
This rubric is a guide to help you rate each student’s behavior in the 5 areas. A student’s behavior might not fit perfectly into a category. In that case, select the category that most closely describes the student’s behavior in that area. It is usually best to go with your first instinct or “gut feeling” rather than spending a great deal of time considering which category is the best fit.

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Practitioner Research Study

• School Counselor Reflection:
  • Student Success Skills
  • Teacher buy-in
  • Use of data/Practitioner research
  • Improvements the following year
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