

As the state division of the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), the Arkansas School Counselor Association (ArSCA) follows all position statements of the national association. Regarding Comprehensive Programs, ArSCA has adopted the following position statement:

American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Position

School counselors design and deliver comprehensive school counseling programs that improve a range of student learning and behavioral outcomes (Carey & Dimmitt, 2012). These programs are comprehensive in scope, preventive in design and developmental in nature. "The ASCA National Model: A Framework for School Counseling Programs" (ASCA, 2012a) outlines the components of a comprehensive school counseling program. The ASCA National Model brings school counselors together with one vision and one voice, which creates unity and focus toward improving student achievement and supporting student development.

ArSCA recommends the availability of School Counselors and Comprehensive Counseling Programs for all students in the state of Arkansas.