

Descriptor Term:

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INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

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It shall be the policy of the Jackson County School District to operate an organized student support program which functions in an instructional support capacity and which requires support personnel to work cooperatively with teachers in all curriculum areas to plan and deliver services which promote the optimum educational development of each student. Professionals qualified to offer student support services are: guidance counselors, social workers, school psychometrists, and school psychologists.

The district shall ensure that all students have access to student support services designed to provide systematic aid in making decisions appropriately and to refer students with needs that cannot be met in the school to community agencies for assistance.

- A. Students in elementary schools shall have access to student support services provided by a counselor or a social worker or a nurse or other student support personnel.
- B. At the secondary level (grades 9 - 12), each school shall offer student support services by a least a half-time appropriately certified guidance counselor.
- C. The student support program addresses student and instructional program needs.
- D. Student support services shall include appraisal, academic and/or personal advisement, and educational and/or occupational planning and referral.

Reference: Accreditation Requirements of the State Board of Education
Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards