



Elementary & Secondary School Counseling Program Funding Alignment

What are Elementary & Secondary School Counseling Program grants?

The Elementary and Secondary School Counseling program supports programs in target elementary, K-12, or secondary schools to establish or expand counseling programs. These efforts include hiring staff members in counseling, social work, psychologist, or psychiatrist roles as well as implementing services that use a developmental, prevention approach to support students.

How is Elementary & Secondary School Counseling funding distributed?

This grant is for Local Education Agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that do not currently have an active elementary and secondary school counseling grant. LEAs design a project plan and apply for the grants that have been available on an annual basis since 2002. The number of awards each year has ranged from 14-51, with average awards ranging from \$335K to \$381K.

How can Elementary & Secondary School Counseling funding be used?

Grant recipients use funds to help close the gap between student and staff member ratios, reduce the number of disciplinary referrals in schools, and support other project-specific goals, including: strategies to improve attendance and achievement, counselor and teacher professional development, social skills development, and initiatives that foster community-based organization involvement to provide mental health services.

What ScholarCentric solutions can be part of an Elementary & Secondary School Counseling grant?

ScholarCentric's middle and high school materials, technology, and services align well with Elementary & Secondary School funding in the following categories: build social-emotional skills of middle and high school students that are scientifically linked to academic achievement, deliver professional development services, use data to inform which students are in greatest need of counseling support, and use resiliency curriculum to improve student success.



- **Success Highways™** develops the critical resiliency skills that are scientifically linked to improved student engagement, achievement, and graduation rates. Using *Success Highways* early-warning assessments, educators can identify which students are at risk of academic failure and/or dropping out and *why* they struggle. With *Success Highways* curriculum, teachers can assure that all students gain or maintain the ability to succeed in school.



- **Resiliency Leaders consulting and professional development services** help educators create comprehensive learning environments where students' cognitive and affective needs are met. Working with one or all of ScholarCentric's transformation experts, districts or schools can create professional learning communities geared towards students' academic success.