



Georgia Department of Education

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED NEW RULE RULE 160-4-8-.05 SCHOOL COUNSELING

The proposed new rule, which is titled *School Counseling*, will replace the current rule 160-4-8-.05 *Guidance Counselor*.

This new rule updates the definitions and expectations of the school counseling program to promote a data driven, whole child focus and to clarify and emphasize the importance of school counseling in K-12 public education. The main features of the proposed new rule include expanded definitions, the characteristics of a Comprehensive School Counseling program, and a clear delineation of the duties and responsibilities of professional school counselors and local educational agencies.