UTAH SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION

What do professional school counselors do?

- Advocate for all students in the school
- Plan and implement a school guidance program that serves all students and meets their needs
- Set annual goals to help all students experience school success
- Meet individually with every 7th and 8th grade student during the school year and teach five (5) career and self-discovery lessons in the 7th grade College & Career Intro classes
- Make sure all students have the best school schedules possible
- Keep accurate student records especially student progress toward high school graduation
- Conduct individual and small group CCR (College and Career Readiness) meetings
- Involve parents in the CCR process
- Teach guidance activities to all students in areas of orientation, self-discovery, life skills, and future planning
- Assist students in planning and preparing for their next steps through UtahFutures.org
- Facilitate referrals and identify resources for students who need extra support in school
- Articulate with other counselors in the school's feeder system (elementary, junior high, and high school)
- Support administrators, teachers, staff and overall school improvement goals
- Collect data about students and school demographics to improve and enhance guidance program services
- Participate in on-going professional development
- Respond to school, student, and family crises