

The ASCA Student Standards: Mindsets & Behaviors for Student Success describe the knowledge, attitudes and skills students need to achieve academic success, college and career readiness and social/emotional development. The standards are based on a survey of research and best practices in student achievement from a wide array of educational standards and efforts.

ASCA Student Standards: Mindsets & Behaviors for Student Success K-12 College-, Career- and Life-Readiness Standards for Every Student

Each of the following standards can be applied to the academic, career and social/emotional domains.

Category 1: Mindset Standards

School counselors encourage the following mindsets for all students.

- M 1.** Belief in development of whole self, including a healthy balance of mental, social/emotional and physical well-being
- M 2.** Sense of acceptance, respect, support and inclusion for self and others in the school environment
- M 3.** Positive attitude toward work and learning
- M 4.** Self-confidence in ability to succeed
- M 5.** Belief in using abilities to their fullest to achieve high-quality results and outcomes
- M 6.** Understanding that postsecondary education and lifelong learning are necessary for long-term success

Category 2: Behavior Standards

School counselors provide culturally sustaining instruction, appraisal and advisement, and counseling to help all students demonstrate:

Learning Strategies		Self-Management Skills		Social Skills	
B-LS 1.	Critical thinking skills to make informed decisions	B-SMS 1.	Responsibility for self and actions	B-SS 1.	Effective oral and written communication skills and listening skills
B-LS 2.	Creative approach to learning, tasks and problem solving	B-SMS 2.	Self-discipline and self-control	B-SS 2.	Positive, respectful and supportive relationships with students who are similar to and different from them
B-LS 3.	Time-management, organizational and study skills	B-SMS 3.	Independent work	B-SS 3.	Positive relationships with adults to support success
B-LS 4.	Self-motivation and self-direction for learning	B-SMS 4.	Delayed gratification for long-term rewards	B-SS 4.	Empathy
B-LS 5.	Media and technology skills to enhance learning	B-SMS 5.	Perseverance to achieve long- and short-term goals	B-SS 5.	Ethical decision-making and social responsibility
B-LS 6.	High-quality standards for tasks and activities	B-SMS 6.	Ability to identify and overcome barriers	B-SS 6.	Effective collaboration and cooperation skills
B-LS 7.	Long- and short-term academic, career and social/emotional goals	B-SMS 7.	Effective coping skills	B-SS 7.	Leadership and teamwork skills to work effectively in diverse groups
B-LS 8.	Engagement in challenging coursework	B-SMS 8.	Balance of school, home and community activities	B-SS 8.	Advocacy skills for self and others and ability to assert self, when necessary
B-LS 9.	Decision-making informed by gathering evidence, getting others' perspectives and recognizing personal bias	B-SMS 9.	Personal safety skills	B-SS 9.	Social maturity and behaviors appropriate to the situation and environment
B-LS 10.	Participation in enrichment and extracurricular activities	B-SMS 10.	Ability to manage transitions and adapt to change	B-SS 10.	Cultural awareness, sensitivity and responsiveness