

## Foreword

The *Revised Essential School Counseling Program Guide* is designed to provide guidance and assistance to professional school counselors in helping their students meet the educational objectives identified in the Baltimore County Public Schools' curriculum. The BCPS curriculum is correlated with the Maryland Voluntary State Curriculum and Core Learning Goals, the Maryland School Assessments (MSA), and the High School Assessments (HSA).

Within this guide are specific strategies for:

- developing critical and creative thinking
- using technology as a teaching and learning tool
- implementing education which is multicultural
- differentiating instructional content, processes, products and the learning environment to meet the learning needs of all students

The purpose of this guide is to assist school counselors in the development of a needs based comprehensive school counseling program that meets the needs of all students and supports the educational mission of schools.

Our goal is to create challenging and engaging work in every school. The Board of Education of Baltimore County and I wish to thank the teachers, administrators, parents, and central office personnel who worked so diligently on this curriculum. It will enhance students' knowledge and skills as they prepare for their future.

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