

**T**he 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 life-long 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>B-LS 1.</b> Critical-thinking skills to make informed decisions	<b>B-SMS 1.</b> Responsibility for self and actions	<b>B-SS 1.</b> Effective oral and written communication skills and listening skills
<b>B-LS 2.</b> Creative approach to learning, tasks and problem solving	<b>B-SMS 2.</b> Self-discipline and self-control	<b>B-SS 2.</b> Positive, respectful and supportive relationships with students who are similar to and different from them
<b>B-LS 3.</b> Time-management, organizational and study skills	<b>B-SMS 3.</b> Independent work	<b>B-SS 3.</b> Positive relationships with adults to support success
<b>B-LS 4.</b> Self-motivation and self-direction for learning	<b>B-SMS 4.</b> Delayed gratification for long-term rewards	<b>B-SS 4.</b> Empathy
<b>B-LS 5.</b> Media and technology skills to enhance learning	<b>B-SMS 5.</b> Perseverance to achieve long- and short-term goals	<b>B-SS 5.</b> Ethical decision-making and social responsibility
<b>B-LS 6.</b> High-quality standards for tasks and activities	<b>B-SMS 6.</b> Ability to identify and overcome barriers	<b>B-SS 6.</b> Effective collaboration and cooperation skills
<b>B-LS 7.</b> Long- and short-term academic, career and social/emotional goals	<b>B-SMS 7.</b> Effective coping skills	<b>B-SS 7.</b> Leadership and teamwork skills to work effectively in diverse groups
<b>B-LS 8.</b> Engagement in challenging coursework	<b>B-SMS 8.</b> Balance of school, home and community activities	<b>B-SS 8.</b> Advocacy skills for self and others and ability to assert self, when necessary
<b>B-LS 9.</b> Decision-making informed by gathering evidence, getting others' perspectives and recognizing personal bias	<b>B-SMS 9.</b> Personal safety skills	<b>B-SS 9.</b> Social maturity and behaviors appropriate to the situation and environment
<b>B-LS 10.</b> Participation in enrichment and extracurricular activities	<b>B-SMS 10.</b> Ability to manage transitions and adapt to change	<b>B-SS 10.</b> Cultural awareness, sensitivity and responsiveness