

FY 2008 QUESTION NUMBER: 2

QUESTION:

What is the ideal goal regarding the student to counselor ratio? What ratio do we use for middle schools?

BUDGET PAGE REFERENCE: 1-19

ANSWER:

The America School Counselor Association recommends a 250:1 ratio of students to counselors. According to data from the National Center for Educational Statistics, the national average students to counselors ratio is 488:1. Montgomery County Public Schools goal for the student to counselor ratio is 250:1 for both middle and high schools. The average middle school budgeted ratio for FY 2008 is 210:1. This is calculated based on projected middle school enrollment of 30,115 and 143.5 resource counselor and counselor positions.