

The Guidance and Counseling Services Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, school administrators and staff at all levels and other interested personnel throughout the state.

Announcements

Welcome Back!

As the 2011-2012 school year begins, the Guidance and Counseling Staff wants to welcome all of the returning counselors and other school personnel and also extend a warm welcome to those of you who are beginning your careers as school counselors.

The vision of the Guidance and Counseling Staff is to work with schools to help ensure that each school has a fully implemented comprehensive guidance and counseling program that supports the academic, career, and personal/social development of all students through the delivery of guidance curriculum, individual planning and responsive services. The program is managed and evaluated through system support activities that also support the on-going mission of the school.

Please feel free to contact us during the school year if you have questions concerning the implementation of comprehensive guidance.

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Program Components

From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA list-serves or other means that could be used as part of a comprehensive guidance and counseling program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either the Guidance and Counseling Services Section or DESE.

CURRICULUM

Materials Aligned to the GLEs in Resources@MCCE Library

A wide range of reference materials, videos and kits for small-group sessions, classroom presentations, and individual counseling have been listed according to the Missouri Guidance and Counseling GLEs. You can find videos, games, books, and other resources listed by Strand, Big Idea, and Concept at the Guidance and Counseling eLearning Center. Visit the eLearning Center at the following address: <http://missouricareereducation.org/for/content/guidance/>

Click on the "More Materials" links below the box for each strand (Academic Development, Career Development, and Personal & Social Development) to view or print the respective resource list. Also, you can find these lists on the page for the Guidance and Counseling GLEs:

<http://www.missouricareereducation.org/project/guidegle>

To view or check out additional materials in the library, which may be kept for up to three weeks at no cost except return postage, visit the library's website at <http://resources.mcce.org>.

An example that can be used in Individual Planning: G&C 32.0101 W142

[Unfocused Kids: Helping Students To Focus On Their Education and Career Plans](#)

Suzy Mygatt Wakefield, AUSTIN, TX, PRO-ED, 2004., BOOK

This book provides a hands-on resource for all kinds of educators with an effort to help students with their plans after high school. This is a resource for school counselors, career specialists, classroom teachers, administrators, curriculum directors, career and technical education directors and school board

members. It presents a broad variety of career guidance ideas, suggestions, resources and programs and includes an example of how to use the ASCA National Standards as a guideline for teaching career planning skills.

INDIVIDUAL PLANNING

Scholarship Opportunity

ACT is sponsoring a video contest to encourage high school juniors and seniors to use their creativity to share their reasons for taking the ACT test.

The student with the winning video will receive a \$5,000 scholarship to the college of his or her choice. Second- and third-place winners will receive \$2,500 and \$1,000 scholarships, respectively. Seven other finalists will each receive a \$500 scholarship.

ACT will judge the videos based on the following criteria: creativity (25%), visual appeal (25%) and overall content (50%). The top ten videos will then be placed online and students will vote for their favorite.

Participants must be U.S. high school students who plan to apply for 2012 or 2013 college admission to a U.S. two-year or four-year institution.

The ACT is a curriculum-based college achievement test. It measures what students have actually learned in school. ACT scores are accepted by all four-year colleges and universities across the country.

Video entries of three minutes or less will be accepted between Aug. 1, 2011 and Sept. 11, 2011. Winners will be announced by Oct. 10, 2011.

For more information, visit actstudent.org/videocontest. Follow the contest and other events at [The ACT Test on Facebook](#) and on [Twitter @ACTStudent](#).

Resource available from Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE)

The *Monthly Student Reminder*, an electronic resource produced by the Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE), is packed full of postsecondary tips directed towards Missouri's students and their parents. Information presented in the *Monthly Student Reminder* covers a wide range of audiences, including recent college graduates and middle school students. The August edition of the *Monthly Student Reminder* is now available to view online at

http://dhe.mo.gov/documents/reminder_august11.pdf

Missouri Connections: Did You Know?

We are beginning the second year with a new vendor for Missouri Connections. If you are unfamiliar with this resource or need to refresh your knowledge in order to use it effectively in Individual Planning, go to

<http://www.missouriconnections.org/>

Mark your Calendar!!

The Kansas City Royals have informed us that they are planning to hold a college fair on Saturday, September 17 at Kauffman Stadium. Further details will be sent as they are received.

RESPONSIVE SERVICES

Resource for use in addressing cyberbullying

Virtual School Counselor .com was created to help school counseling departments design and maintain departmental websites. A well designed school counseling departmental website will maximize the department's ability to provide effective school counseling services to the students, parents, faculty, and community. One of its resources deals with cyberbullying. To see resources available at this site, go to <http://www.virtualschoolcounselor.com/cyberbullying>

SYSTEM SUPPORT

Materials available from Administrator's Conference

The annual Administrator's Conference was held July 31-August 2 and featured a focus on the Smarter Balanced Assessments, Customized Learning and the 10 By 20 State Plan. A special feature of the conference was an excellent closing speech by the Governor that clearly showed his support for public education. The Governor's speech (highly recommended) and power points from other conference presenters are accessible at <http://dese.mo.gov/commissioner/adminconf/index.html>

In addition, the Commissioner's remarks focused in on the need for all Missouri public educators to work together for the benefit of Missouri's children and to help ensure Missouri's economic future. Her remarks can be heard on our website at [mms://wmvstream.dese.mo.gov/2011adminconfnicastro](https://wmvstream.dese.mo.gov/2011adminconfnicastro).

Aug. 15 Designated As Host Site Application Deadline for FAFSA Frenzy

The Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE) is making a final call for participation. FAFSA Frenzy events make applying for financial aid easier by providing students and families with free help filling out the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#), which is required to apply for federal and most state financial aid.

The 2012 Missouri FAFSA Frenzy main event date is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 12. A back-up date of Sunday, Feb. 19, has been established in the event that inclement weather occurs on Feb. 12. If your institution or organization is interested in hosting a FAFSA Frenzy site, you may select either the standard date and time or you may choose an alternate date.

The standard event date and time is Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Normal site set-up time is about an hour, and event wrap-up may take an additional hour. Therefore, the site coordinator's total time commitment on the day of the event is about four hours.

If you select an alternate date, be sure to indicate the date and time that your site will be open to the public and select an alternate inclement weather date on your site application.

As in past years, Missouri's high school counselor and financial aid communities will be of critical importance to the success of FAFSA Frenzy. Additionally, special efforts are being made for the 2012 program to establish active collaborations between site coordinators and nearby YMCAs with teen/youth development programs, such as the [Young Achievers Program](#). The MDHE and [Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel](#) encourage high schools, postsecondary institutions and other organizations interested in hosting a FAFSA Frenzy event to complete the [FAFSA Frenzy Site application](#). Additionally, if you are interested in offering your facilities as a location but would prefer that someone from an outside organization act as the site coordinator, please email [B.J. White](#) (MDHE outreach services coordinator).

To date, the MDHE has received 41 [site applications for the 2012 event](#) and will continue to accept applications through Monday, Aug. 15. A training session for FAFSA Frenzy site coordinators will be held in Jefferson City on Wednesday, Nov. 2. If you have any questions regarding FAFSA Frenzy/CGS in Missouri, you may contact [Julie Meyer](#), [Jessie McCoy](#) (MASFAP Early Awareness Committee co-chairs), or [B.J. White](#). Additional information may be found at MDHE's [FAFSA Frenzy Web page](#).

Conferences and Workshops

ACT College and Career Ready Workshops Scheduled

ACT has scheduled a series of workshops for September and October in Missouri that will focus on improving student performance, translating scores into skills, and taking the right steps in preparing students for college and career. To see dates and locations, go to <http://act.org/ccrw/locations.html>

2011 Missouri School Counselor Association (MSCA) Leadership

Development Conference will be held **September 17-18, 2011** at Tan Tar A. To see more, go to <http://www.moschoolcounselor.org/conferences/>

2011 Missouri Association of Career Services (MACS) Fall Conference

will be held on **September 22-23, 2011** at the Courtyard by Marriott, Columbia, Mo. To see more, go to <http://www.mo-acte.org/> and click on MACS under Divisions.

2011 Missouri School Counselor Association (MSCA) Fall Conference

will be held **November 6-8, 2011** at Tan-Tar-A. There will also be a Saturday Institute on November 5, 2011. To access information, go to <http://www.moschoolcounselor.org/conferences/>

2011 Building Bridges Conference

will be held on **November 6-8, 2011** at the Capitol Plaza, in Jefferson City, MO. To see more go to <http://mocreered.org/talk/bridges/2011bb>

2011 Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) National

Convention and Career Tech Expo will be held **November 17-19, 2011** at America's Center in St. Louis, MO, To see more, go to <http://www.acteonline.org/convention.aspx>

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