

Program Data Point 9. Recommendations for Certifications and/or Licensure

In Kentucky, the Educational Professional Standards Board (EPSB) governs the practice of school counselors. The EPSB initially issues applicants who have completed an approved master's level program in school counseling a five-year Provisional Certificate for School Counselor, P-12. The board issues a five-year Standard Certificate for School Counselor, P-12 to applicants who meet one of the following options:

Option 1

- Successful completion of an approved master's level program in school counseling;
- Successful completion of an additional 3-6 credit hours from an approved graduate-level counseling or school counseling program;
- One year of full-time employment as a provisionally certified school counselor in an accredited public or private school;
- Hold a valid Kentucky Professional teaching certificate, and
- Have a minimum of one year of full-time classroom teaching experience.

Option 2

- Successful completion of an approved master's level program in school counseling;
- Successful completion of an additional 3-6 credit hours from an approved graduate-level counseling or school counseling program;
- Have a minimum of two years of successful employment as a Provisional full-time certified school counselor.

The table below represents the number of school counseling graduates recommended for certification. "Number Eligible" represents completers of the Master of Arts degree in School Counseling, as well as non-degree, certification-only post-graduate students in Rank I School Counseling Certification (i.e., seeking re-certification at 60 hours); Standard School Counseling Certification (i.e., seeking re-certification at 54 hours); or as part of School Counseling Option 6 (i.e., emergency school counselor certification in Kentucky).

Year		Number Eligible	Endorsed in Kentucky	Percent in Kentucky	Endorsed Out of State	Percent Out of State
2020-2021	May 2021	4	4	100%	1	25%
	December 2020	5	5	100%	3	60%
	August 2020	5	5	100%	2	40%
	Total	14	14		6	
2019-2020	May 2020	4	4	100%	1	25%
	December 2019	4	4	100%	1	25%
	August 2019	3	3	100%	0	0
	Total	7	7		1	
2018-2019	May 2019	12	9	75%	3	25%
	December 2018	1	1	100%	0	0
	August 2018	14	11	79%	2	14%
	Total	27	21		5	
2017-2018	May 2018	9	8	89%	1	11%
	December 2017	20	19	95%	1	5%
	August 2017	7	7	100%	0	0
	Total	36	34		2	
2016-2017	May 2017	3	3	100%	0	0
	December 2016	2	2	100%	0	0
	August 2016	2	2	100%	0	0
	Total	7	7		0	
2015-2016	May 2016	7	6	86%	1	14%
	December 2015	1	2	100%	0	0
	August 2015	2	2	100%	0	0
	Total	11	10		1	
2014-2015	May 2015	4	*	100%	0	0
	December 2014	3	3	100%	0	0
	August 2014	2	2	100%	0	0
	Total	5	5		0	
2013-2014	May 2014	5	3	60%	2	40%
	December 2013	6	4	67%	2	33%
	August 2013	8	7	88%	1	12%
	Total	19	14		5	