

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 or Dual Degree in 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 Proficiency Evaluation (i.e., temporary school counselor certification in Kentucky).

Year		Number Eligible	Endorsed in Kentucky	Percent in Kentucky	Endorsed Out of State	Percent Out of State
2025-2026	May 2026					
	December 2025					
	August 2025					
2024-2025	May 2025	3	3	100%	0	0
	December 2024	4	4	100%	1	25%
	August 2024	1	1	100%	0	0
2023-2024	May 2024	1	1	3	3	0
	December 2023	3	3	1	1	0
	August 2023	0	0	0	0	0
	Total			100%	0	0
2022-2023	May 2023	3	3	100%	0	0
	December 2022	1	1	100%	0	0

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	August 2022	3	3	100%	0	0
	Total	7	7	100%	0	0
2021-2022	May 2022	2	2	100%	0	0
	December 2021	3	2	67%	1	33%
	August 2021	1	1	100%	0	0
	Total	6	5	83%	1	17%
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	100%	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	100%	1	