

Guidance and Counseling

The District recognizes that guidance and counseling are an important part of the total program of instruction and should be provided in accordance with state laws and regulations, District policies and procedures, and available staff and program support.

The general goal of this program is to help students achieve the greatest personal value from their educational opportunities. Such a program should:

1. Provide staff with meaningful information that can be utilized to improve the educational services offered to individual students.
2. Provide students with planned opportunities to develop future career and educational plans.
3. Refer students with special needs to appropriate specialists and agencies.
4. Aid students in identifying options and making choices about their educational program.
5. Assist teachers and administrators in meeting academic, social and emotional needs of students.
6. Solicit feedback from students, staff and parents for purposes of program improvement.
7. Assist students in developing a sense of belonging and self-respect.

All staff shall encourage students to explore and develop their individual interests in career and vocational technical programs and employment opportunities without regard to gender, race, marital status, national origin or handicapping conditions, including reasonable efforts and encouraging students to consider and explore "nontraditional" occupations.

Students are encouraged to consult with the school counselor about their school records, plans for the future or problems they may be experiencing. Students should consult the class schedule to see when the counselor might be available. Any discussions with the counselor are considered "privileged communications" and will be held in the strictest of confidence.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-1212 Elementary school counselors
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