

Lower Merion School District

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R112 GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING SERVICES

The Lower Merion School District shall support a school counseling program which will serve all students and help them with emotional, educational, career, civic and social development. The program will be developmental in nature and will adhere to the professional standards of the American School Counseling Association.

The school counseling services shall exist to help improve the learning climate by involving students, parents/guardians, staff and community members who can influence and assist in the educational, personal and career development of students. School Counselors shall assist all students to develop a balanced, thoughtful, and encouraging concept of themselves grounded in the student's abilities and achievements through individual and group contact over their time in our schools. School Counselors shall help students develop knowledge of self as it applies to personal, educational and career decisions.

The Lower Merion School District's goals for the School Counseling services shall:

1. Help students in developing knowledge of self-including aptitudes, needs, interests, strengths and limitations while involving parents/guardians and staff members when appropriate;
2. Assist students with the emotional growth, including family relationships and the understanding of others;
3. Assist students in the development of social skills and civic responsibilities;
4. Assist students with problem-solving, decision-making and coping skills;
5. Help students develop goals in the area of personal growth and academic and career readiness;
6. Form partnerships between school and community for available resources;
7. Assist staff as resource consultants in student/teacher relationships, behavior management, student evaluation and parent/guardian contacts;
8. Be available equally to all students; and
9. Provide services to At-Risk students and their families during crisis: establish a referral system which utilizes all the resources the schools and community offer, guards the privacy of the student, and monitors the effectiveness of such referrals.

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The Lower Merion School District's School Counseling program will assist students, staff and families by staying professionally current in best practices as well as utilizing appropriate curriculums and resources such as but not limited to: Second Step, Responsive Classroom, Olweus Bullying Prevention and Naviance.