

## 2411 GUIDANCE COUNSELING (M)

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The Board of Education requires that a planned program of guidance and counseling be an integral part of the educational program of the schools to assist pupils in making and implementing informed educational and occupational choices including academic, career and personal/social development.

A program of guidance and counseling, including developmental career guidance and exploration, shall be offered to all pupils in this school district and shall be conducted by certified guidance counselors at the high school level and may be provided by certified guidance counselors, Child Study Team members and/or social workers at the elementary and middle school levels.

The Superintendent is directed to implement a guidance program that carries out the purposes of this policy and:

1. Involves teaching staff members at all appropriate levels;
2. Honors the individuality of each pupil;
3. Is integrated with the total educational program;
4. Is coordinated with available resources of the community;
5. Provides for cooperation of school staff with parent and shares parents' concern for the development of their children;
6. Provides for the means of sharing information among appropriate staff members in the pupil's interest;
7. Is available equitably to all pupils and prohibits biased counseling and the use of materials that discriminate among pupils on the basis of their race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectational or sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, socioeconomic status, or disability; and
8. Establishes a referral system that utilizes all the aid the schools and community offer, guards the privacy of the pupil, and monitors the efficacy of such referrals.



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