

## INSTRUCTION

### **School Counseling**

The School Division shall offer a comprehensive K-12 school counseling program ~~that is~~ an integral part of each school's total educational program designed to promote the academic and career planning process and social-~~emotional~~ development of all students. Purposes and objectives of the program shall reflect the developmental needs of students and be developed by the Executive Director of the Office of Student Support Services or ~~designee~~ with an advisory committee consisting of level-specific school counselors. All programs and services shall be in compliance with federal and state regulations.

No student shall be required to participate in any school counseling program to which the minor student's parent/guardian objects or the adult student objects.

### **Legal Reference**

"Standards for School Counseling Programs in Virginia Public Schools. ~~(K-12)~~" ~~a~~Adopted in January 2004 by the Virginia Board of Education, as amended.

Virginia Board of Education Regulations 8 VAC 20-620-10, as amended. ~~Regulations~~ Regarding School Guidance and Counseling Programs in Public Schools of Virginia

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