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Student support services will be available for every student in the Gulfport School District as specified by the Accreditation Standards of the Mississippi Department of Education. The student support program addresses student and instructional needs. These services will include, at appropriate levels, student appraisal, academic advisement, education/occupational planning and referral. The student support program also will provide individual and group counseling for students and for consultation with parents, teachers, administrators and external agency personnel.

At the elementary level, student support services are coordinated by a site-level counselor. At the secondary level, each school offers student support services.

Materials or tests used for appraising or counseling students will not be different for students on the basis of their sex or any other protected classification. The use of materials will not require different treatment of students on such basis unless such different materials cover the same occupations or interest areas and the use of such different materials is shown to be essential to eliminate a bias.

Where the use of a counseling test or other instrument results in a substantially disproportionate number of members of one sex or other protected classification in any particular course of study or classification, the administration and guidance counselors will take such action as is necessary to assure that such disproportion is not the result of discrimination in the instrument or its application.