

Descriptor Term: STUDENT SERVICES

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It is the policy of the Gulfport School District to operate an organized student services program which functions in an instructional support capacity and which requires support personnel to work cooperatively with teachers in all curricular areas to plan and deliver services which promote the optimum educational development of each student. Professional personnel qualified to offer student services may include: guidance counselors, social workers, nurses, school psychometrists, and school psychologists.

The District will ensure that all students have access to student support services designed to provide systematic aid in making decisions appropriately and refer students with needs that cannot be met in the school to community agencies for assistance.

Student services (appraisal, academic and/or personal advisement, and educational and/or career planning and referral) are provided in each school as follows:

1. Student services are provided in each high school by at least a half-time appropriately licensed guidance counselor.
2. Students in elementary schools have access to the required student services provided by qualified student support personnel (e.g., guidance counselor, social worker, nurse, psychologist, psychometrist, etc.). Student support personnel may only provide those services and activities in the area(s) that each individual is specifically qualified to provide.

Reference: Mississippi Code 1972, §37-9-79