

2411 SCHOOL COUNSELING

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

A program of school counseling, including developmental career counseling and exploration, shall be offered to all students in this school district and shall be conducted entirely by staff members certified as school counseling personnel.

The Superintendent is directed to implement a school counseling 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 student;
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 parents and shares parents' concern for the development of their children;
6. Provides for the means of sharing information among appropriate staff members in the student's interest;
7. Ensures all students have access to adequate and appropriate counseling services, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.7(c).
 - a. When informing students about possible careers or professional or vocational opportunities, the Board shall not restrict or limit the options presented to students on the basis of the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1(a).
 - b. The Board shall not use tests or counseling materials that are biased or stereotyped on the basis of the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1(a); and
8. Establishes a referral system that utilizes all the aid the schools and community offer, guards the privacy of the student, and monitors the efficacy of such referrals.



The counselor may assist the student in:

1. Recommending material that the student may use to improve study and work habits.
2. Planning his/her schedule and school program.
3. Making future plans including a four-year plan for high school graduation.
4. Solving personal or school related problems.
5. Making career, occupational, and educational materials available.
6. Exploring post-secondary options.
7. Registering to take PSAT, SAT, ACT or union apprenticeship tests.
8. Meeting with representatives of colleges, universities, technical schools, trade associations, and the military.
9. Meeting high school graduation requirements.

N.J.A.C. 6A:19-1.2; 6A:8-2.2

N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1; 6A:7-1.3; 6A:7-1.7; 6A:8-3.2

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