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OXFORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

A planned program of school counseling is an integral part of the educational program of the District. The program shall:

1. Assist students in achieving their optimum growth
2. Enable students to draw the greatest benefit from the program(s)offered by the District
3. Aid students in identifying options and making choices in (career) and academic educational planning
4. Assist students in career awareness and planning
5. Help integrate all the student's experiences in order to better relate school activities to life outside the school
6. Help students solve problems independently and learn how to make their own decisions

A comprehensive developmental program of school counseling shall be offered to all students in grades K through 12 and shall involve the coordinated efforts of all staff members under the professional leadership of certificated school counseling personnel. The program encourages school counselors to become catalysts for educational change and to accept a leadership role in educational reform.

All students shall be assigned a specific counselor, but they may meet with any counselor concerning problems.

The Superintendent or designee is directed to implement a school counseling program which serves the needs of students. The program shall:

1. Involve all staff members at every appropriate level
2. Honor the individuality of the student
3. Be integrated with the total educational program.
4. Be coordinated with available resources of the community.
5. Ensure a cooperative relationship with parents and share their concern for the development of the child.
6. Provide a means for such sharing of information among appropriate staff members as may be in the best interests of the student.
7. Be available equally to all students.
8. Establish a referral system which utilizes all the aid the schools and community offer, guards the privacy of the student and monitors the effectiveness of such referral

Psychological services shall include involvement in the multi-disciplinary evaluation process and necessary counseling with students and parents.