

WALLINGFORD- SWARTHMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: SCHOOL COUNSELING
(FORMERLY GUIDANCE
COUNSELING)

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112. SCHOOL COUNSELING	
1. Purpose	<p>A school counseling program is an integral part of the educational program of the schools. Such a program can:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist students in achieving their optimum potential. 2. Enable students to significantly benefit from the offerings of the instructional program. 3. Identify intellectual, emotional, social and physical needs through a variety of assessment measures such as scholastic ability, special aptitudes, interests, academic achievement and personality/social adjustment. 4. Aid students in recognizing options and making choices in vocational and academic educational planning. [1] 5. Assist students in identifying career options consistent with their abilities and goals. 6. Help students learn to make their own decisions and to solve problems independently.
2. Authority	<p>The Board directs that students shall be provided a school counseling program which involves the coordinated efforts of all staff members under the professional leadership of certified school counselors. [1] [2]</p>
3. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Superintendent or designee is directed to implement and maintain a school counseling program that serves the needs of students.</p>
4. Guidelines	<p>The District's program of school counseling shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be an integral part of the instructional program at all levels of the School District. 2. Involve all staff members at every appropriate level.

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3. Honor the individuality of each student.
4. Be integrated with the total educational program.
5. Be coordinated with services provided by locally available social and human services agencies. [3]
6. Cooperate with parents/guardians and address their concern for the development of their child.
7. Provide means for sharing information among appropriate staff members in the best interests of the student. [4]
8. Be available equally to all students. [5] [6]
9. Establish a referral system which utilizes resources offered by the school and community, guards the privacy of the student, and monitors the effectiveness of such referrals.

Legal

1. 22 PA Code 4.34
2. 22 PA Code 12.41
3. 22 PA Code 12.16
4. Pol. 207
5. Pol. 103
6. Pol. 103.1
- Pol. 146