



**SECTION: PROGRAMS**

**POLICY: 112**

**TITLE: GUIDANCE COUNSELING**

**ORIGINAL:** September 24, 2007

**CURRENT REVISION:** December 7, 2020

**LAST REVIEWED BY THE COMMITTEE:**

**I. PURPOSE**

- A. A guidance counseling program is an integral part of the instructional program of District schools. Such a program can:
- a. Assist students in achieving their optimum potential.
  - b. Enable students to significantly benefit from the offerings of the instructional program.
  - c. Identify and address intellectual, emotional, social and physical needs.
  - d. Aid students in recognizing options and making choices in vocational and academic educational planning.
  - e. Assist students in identifying career options consistent with their abilities and goals.
  - f. Help students learn to make their own decisions and to solve problems independently.
  - g. Provide crisis intervention and response for the purpose of maintaining a productive learning environment.

**II. DEFINITIONS**

None.

**III. POLICY**

- A. The Board directs that a program of guidance and counseling shall be offered to students that involves the coordinated efforts of all staff members, under the professional leadership of certificated guidance and counseling personnel.
- B. The District's program of guidance counseling shall:
- a. Be an integral part of the instructional program all levels of the District.
  - b. Involve staff members at every appropriate level.
  - c. Honor the individuality of each student.
  - d. Be coordinated with services provided by locally available social and human services agencies.
  - e. Cooperate with parents/guardians and address their concern for the development of the student.
  - f. Provide means for such sharing information among appropriate staff members in the best interests of the student.
  - g. Be available equally to all students.
  - h. Establish a referral system that utilizes resources offered by the school and community, guards the privacy of the student, and monitors the effectiveness of such referrals.

**IV. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

The Superintendent or designee is directed to implement a guidance program that serves the needs of students.

**V. REFERENCES**

22 PA Code 4.34  
22 PA Code 12.41  
22 PA Code 12.16  
Pol. 103, 110, 207