

SCHOOL GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING PROGRAM

The School Board is committed to ensuring a high quality school guidance program that is comprehensive, developmentally appropriate, fosters academic achievement, and personal growth, which is provided to all District students in an equitable manner.

The program will include the following:

- Distribution of information and support to students and families about academic programming, community supports, and other relevant information.
- Conformance with national standards, including "The ASCA National Model: A Foundation for School Counseling Program," published by the American School Counselor Association ("ASCA") in 2012.
- Prevention, intervention, and crisis response services.
- Promotion of personal, interpersonal, health, academic, and career development for all students through classroom programs and other services.
- A summary report of student performance in achievement, attendance, and behavior shall be provided to the board at least once a year, addressing the effectiveness of the school counseling program.
- All provisions of NH Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306, Minimum Standards for Public School Approval.

It is the policy of this Board that, at all grade levels, school counselors collaborate with parents, students, staff, and community to remove barriers to learning and provide opportunities and supports to empower students to embrace their full potential and achieve their academic and personal aspirations. The guidance counselor is responsible for developing a program or plan that identifies student success in academic performance, social awareness, and career planning.

The Superintendent shall develop and have on file a comprehensive K-12 School counseling program implementation plan consistent with this policy and kept current biennially.

Legal References:

Ed 306.39, Guidance Program

Legal References Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be considered part of this policy, nor should they be taken as a comprehensive statement of the legal basis for the Board to enact this policy, nor as a complete recitation of related legal authority. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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