

# UNITED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: GUIDANCE COUNSELING

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112. GUIDANCE COUNSELING	
<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.34</p>	<p>A guidance counseling program is an integral part of the instructional program of district schools. Such a program can:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assist students in achieving their optimum potential.</li> <li>2. Enable students to significantly benefit from the offerings of the instructional program.</li> <li>3. Identify intellectual, emotional, social and physical needs.</li> <li>4. Aid students in recognizing options and making choices in vocational and academic educational planning.</li> <li>5. Assist students in identifying career options consistent with their abilities and goals.</li> <li>6. Help students learn to make their own decisions and to solve problems independently.</li> </ol>
<p>2. Authority</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.34, 12.41</p>	<p>The Board directs that students shall be provided a program of guidance and counseling which involves the coordinated efforts of all staff members, under the professional leadership of certificated guidance and counseling personnel.</p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee is directed to implement and maintain a guidance program that serves the needs of students.</p>
<p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p>The district's program of guidance counseling shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be an integral part of the instructional program at all levels of the school district.</li> <li>2. Involve staff members at every appropriate level.</li> <li>3. Honor the individuality of each student.</li> </ol>

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<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.16</p>	<p>4. Be coordinated with services provided by locally available social and human services agencies.</p> <p>5. Cooperate with parents/guardians and address their concerns regarding the development of their child.</p>
<p>Pol. 207</p>	<p>6. Provide means for sharing information among appropriate staff members in the best interests of the student.</p>
<p>Pol. 103, 103.1</p>	<p>7. Be available equally to all students.</p> <p>8. 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.</p>
<p>References:</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.34, 12.16, 12.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 103.1, 146, 207</p>	