

Guidance and Counseling

The district recognizes that comprehensive guidance and counseling is an integral part of the total program of instruction and should be provided in accordance with state laws and regulations, district policies and procedures, and available staff and program support. The general goal of this program is to help students achieve the greatest personal value from their educational opportunities and support students in fulfilling district exit outcomes. Such a program:

1. helps develop the individuality of students and nurtures respect for the diversity in all people;
2. helps students function effectively with their family, school and community;
3. serves all students within all academic and language abilities;
4. assists students in their social/emotional, career, and educational development;
5. provides consultative and coordinated services to the teachers, parent(s)/guardian(s), administrators, and community representatives who work with students;
6. provides developmentally appropriate, as well as preventive, responsive, and remedial services;
7. is both an integral part, as well as an independent component, of the total educational program;
8. is continuously refined through systematic planning, designing, implementing, evaluating and staff development; and
9. employs, as a part of the instructional process, curricular strategies supportive of the goals and student exit outcomes of the district.

All staff shall encourage students to explore and develop their individual interests in career and vocational technical programs and employment opportunities without regard to gender, including reasonable efforts which encourage students to consider and explore nontraditional occupations.

The board directs the superintendent to work with the staff, community and appropriate agencies to develop, implement and regularly evaluate this program.

The board directs the superintendent to prepare appropriate regulations to implement this policy.

Legal References:

RCW 28A.640.020 (v) (b) Regulating guidelines to eliminate discrimination-Scope

WAC 180-16-240 (2) (d) Supplemental program standards

WAC 392-190-015 Counseling and guidance–Duty of certificated & classroom

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