

GUIDANCE SERVICES

A guidance program shall be incorporated into the district's educational program to aid pupils in making informed and responsible decisions and in using effective decision-making processes. The guidance program shall be developed and coordinated by the superintendent or his/her designee in consultation with teaching staff members he/she has identified as possessing necessary skills and abilities, to help pupils acquire the insights and knowledge they need to become autonomous, mature members of adult society in a democratic nation. The purpose of the guidance program shall be to help pupils in learning to make their own decisions concerning life's many choices--personal, educational, and career/vocational.

The guidance program shall provide, as fully as possible, the information needed to make the best decisions concerning the pupil's educational program. Such information shall include facts such as test scores, grades and educational history. Pupil records may also include anecdotes, but shall not carry judgments, opinions and other advice.

Pupils shall be encouraged to avail themselves of the help of the guidance department's personnel.

Guidance services shall include establishment of a referral system which guards the privacy of the pupil and monitors the efficacy of such referrals, when district resources are not sufficient, as in drug or alcohol counseling. The school guidance counselor and social worker shall work as a team in designing and delivering guidance services.

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