

**Instruction**

**Guidance, Counseling, Psychological Services Program**

The School District provides a guidance and counseling program for students through our social workers and other school personnel. The Superintendent or designee shall direct the District's guidance and counseling program. School counseling services, as described by State law, may be performed by a qualified guidance specialist or any certificated staff member.

Each staff member is responsible for effectively guiding students under his/her supervision in order to provide early identification of intellectual, emotional, social, or physical needs, diagnosis of any learning disabilities, and development of educational potential. The District's counselors shall offer counseling to those students who require additional assistance.

The guidance program shall be an integral part of the total program of instruction.

The major objective of the guidance program is to help each child make the best of the educational opportunities toward a normal, useful, and happy life.

The guidance program shall be directed toward the growth and improvement of all pupils in the school recognizing, however, that some pupils are in greater need of individual guidance than others.

The guidance program shall attempt to provide for each pupil a sense of belonging, self-respect, emotional security, achievement, recognition, and development of an appreciation and understanding of the world in which the pupil lives by providing a classroom and school environment in which effective learning and good behavior take place.

The guidance program shall provide a positive program of correction and prevention of antisocial behavior of pupils. It shall aim to nurture a sense of responsibility and self-respect in students.

Psychological services will be provided by the district to assist all students, teachers, and other persons in reaching their greatest potential. All persons directly or indirectly concerned with any case referred for these services shall handle all information and personal relationships in a confidential and professional manner.

To accomplish the above purposes, the following psychological services will be provided by the school district for children formally referred for these services:

1. Counseling or discussing problems with students, parents or guardian, or school staff
2. Administering intelligence, achievement, attitudinal, personality, and other tests for diagnosis of learning and psychological problems

3. Recommending instructional or behavioral techniques or procedures to school personnel or parent(s) or guardian(s).

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.24a and 5/10-22.24b.  
23 Ill. Admin. Code §§ 1.420(q) and 1.420(b).

CROSS REF.: 7:250 (Student Welfare Services)

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