

SCHOOL COUNSELING SERVICES

The School Board shall provide an academic school counseling program to support the development of knowledge, skills, and attitudes students need to achieve academic success, college and career readiness, and social/emotional development. The academic school counseling program shall serve students' academic ~~diverse~~ needs and shall encourage productive learning experiences.

School counselors shall make every effort to respect student confidentiality as appropriate, and Counselors shall consult primarily with the parents, and if necessary, with the principal, counseling coordinator, or designee, whenever unsure of how to respond to a student's ~~personal problem~~ issue. Parental consultation and consent for counseling shall be obtained, except in the case of child abuse, as appropriate.

Academic counseling shall help students establish immediate and long-~~range~~ term educational plans consistent with their individual needs, abilities, interests and aptitudes ~~without regard to gender~~. ~~To the extent possible,~~ Parents/guardians shall be included when making these plans, and student placement shall be determined using multiple sources of information.

School counseling staff shall help secondary students to plan for the future, become aware of their career potential, and develop realistic perceptions of work ~~without regard to gender~~. Academic planning for postsecondary education shall include information about courses needed for admission to colleges, universities, and career/technical training programs, standardized admission tests, financial aid, and scholarships.