

GUIDANCE PROGRAM

Philosophy of Guidance and Counseling

The guidance program of the District is intended to provide for all students a structured set of services which enhance their development as young people and as future adults. The goals of these services are to promote self-understanding, self-respect, self-reliance, respect for others, and an understanding of one's place within our society. Following a developmental approach, the program provides guidance and counseling services which assist each student to make important decisions regarding his/her educational, vocational, personal, and social well-being. These services are best provided by offering appropriate information and a climate of understanding and support.

While guidance department services are focused primarily on working directly with students, it is recognized that maximum effectiveness is achieved through a harmonious working relationship with parents, teachers, administrators, and the community. Only through mutual concern and support can the goals be accomplished.

The guidance program shares with the entire school system a commitment to providing equal services and opportunities without regard to race, color, creed, sex, or disability. The implementation of guidance services at the various educational levels differs according to the maturity and needs of the students.