

School Counseling Program

Code #364.00

The Tri-County Area School District shall maintain a school counseling program which will be available to all students and help them with emotional, educational, career, civic, and social development. The program shall be developmental in nature. Therefore, the school counseling program is to assist students in finding satisfactory solutions to their problems.

The school counseling services shall exist, in conjunction with other school services, to help improve the learning climate by involving students, parents, staff, and community members who can influence the educational, personal and career development of students. Counselors shall assist students in developing a more realistic and adequate concept of themselves through individual or group contact over a period of time. Counselors shall help students in developing a knowledge of self as it applies to personal, educational and career decisions. Further, the school counseling program shall assist individuals in preparing to live effective lives and to engage in meaningful, satisfying, paid and/or unpaid work in harmony with themselves, with others and their environment.

The specific goals of the school counseling program shall be to:

- Help students in developing a knowledge of self including aptitudes, abilities, needs, values, interests, strengths, limitations and self-worth.
- Assist students with emotional growth, including family relationships and the understanding of others.
- Assist students in the development of social skills and civic responsibilities.
- Assist students with problem-solving, decision-making and coping skills.
- Form partnerships between school and community designed to assist students in their career development.
- Assist staff as one of the resource consultants in student/teacher relationships, behavior management, student evaluation and parent contacts.
- Provide assistance to students and families during crisis situations by providing information about and referral to outside agencies.
- Offer counseling services and information to better inform the local community.

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- Assist students interested in attend post-secondary education. (This includes: aptitude testing; filing scholarship forms, and applications to post-secondary schools; registering for and placing students in correspondence courses, summer programs, and vocational courses.)
- Offer students assistance on selection of a career or career exploration.
- Assist students with military career decisions.
- Assist students with scheduling of classes and help with establishing a master schedule.

The District shall not discriminate in the methods, practices and materials used for testing, evaluating or counseling students on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, color, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. This does not, however, prohibit the use of special testing or counseling materials or techniques to meet the individualized needs of students. Discrimination complaints shall be handled in accordance with established procedures.

Legal Reference: Sections 118.126, 118.13, 118.24 (2)(f), and 121.02(1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes
PI 8.01 (2)(e), Wisconsin Administrative Code
PI 9, Wisconsin Administrative Code

Cross Reference: 342.03, Gifted and Talented Program
411.00 Rule, Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures

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