

GUIDANCE PROGRAM

The Board views guidance as helping students understand themselves relative to their abilities, aptitudes, interest, attitudes, strengths and limitations. This process is meant to assist students in the development of their potential and in their decisions relating to personal, educational and vocational matters.

Guidance is based upon these broad fundamental principals:

1. Individuals are different from one another in their capabilities, aptitudes, interests, needs, goals, desires, and values.
2. Conditions are improvable. Equality of educational opportunity will benefit the individual and society.
3. Guidance is a continual and developmental process. Every experience of the individual influences him/her in some way.
4. Guidance does not propose to program an individual's course of action but rather tries to assist the individual in arriving at his/her own satisfactory solutions.
5. Guidance should assist the individual to understand his circumstances and opportunities and to plan his/her life in a satisfactory manner to serve himself as well as society.

District's Guidance services include a wide variety of testing programs and interpretation of results to students, parents, and staff. These programs assist students in developing good study habits and personal guidance which is in keeping with the principles of human dignity and equality.

A written guidance plan is developed to provide systematic aid to students in kindergarten through twelfth grade regarding educational, career, civic, personal and social concerns including the harmful effects of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. This plan provides for appraisal of students' academic abilities, a variety of counseling opportunities and approaches, educational and career planning and, when necessary, appropriate referral. The plan is evaluated on a periodic basis.

The guidance staff assists the instructional staff and administration in developing and implementing intervention programs to assist students to realize academic improvement.

Counseling services are provided by certificated school counselors.

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