

Richmond School District Policy Statement Guidance & Counseling Program

Policy #: 364

The purpose of the guidance and counseling program is to assist all K-8 students in their educational/academic, career, personal and social development including the understanding and development of a positive self concept, respectful interpersonal relationships and problem-solving/decision-making skills. As such, the Richmond guidance and counseling program encompasses a K-8 scope and sequence that is systematic, sequential, comprehensive, and developmental.

Components of the Richmond School District's guidance and counseling program are:

1. School Counseling Curriculum: classroom, curriculum development, group activities, parent workshops.
2. Responsive Services: individual and small groups, crisis, consultation, referrals.
3. Individual Student Planning: Individual and small group appraisal or advisement, conferences, learning plans.
4. System Support: professional development, consultation, collaboration, program management.

The guidance and counseling program shall be a shared partnership with students, parent(s)/guardian(s), counselors, teachers, administrators, and community members, all working together in a proactive, collaborative, and problem-solving process. The delivery of the program shall be under the direct consultation and advisement of a K-12 certified guidance counselor.

The Richmond School 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, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap or other factors prohibited by state and federal laws and regulations. This does not, however, prohibit the use of special counseling materials or techniques to meet the individualized needs of students. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

Legal References: Wisconsin Statutes 118.13
 121.02(1)(e)
 PI 8.01(2)(e) (WI Administrative Code)
 PI 9.03(1)(f) (WI Administrative Code)

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