

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: GUIDANCE COUNSELING

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SOUDERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

112. GUIDANCE COUNSELING	
1.Purpose	<p>A planned program of guidance counseling is an integral part of the educational program of the schools. Such a program can:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist students in achieving their optimum growth. 2. Enable students to draw the greatest benefit from the offerings of the instructional program of the schools. 3. Aid students in identifying options and making choices in vocational and academic educational planning. 4. Assist students in career awareness and planning. 5. Help integrate experiences so that s/he can better relate school activity to life outside the school. 6. Help students learn to make their own decisions and to solve problems independently.
2.Definition	<p>A program of guidance and counseling shall be offered to all students in grades K through 12 and shall involve the coordinated efforts of staff members under the professional leadership of certificated guidance and counseling personnel.</p>
3.Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Superintendent is directed to implement a guidance program which carries out these purposes and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Involves staff members at every appropriate level. 2. Honors the individuality of each student. 3. Is integrated with the total educational program. 4. Is coordinated with available resources of the community.

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	<p>5. Cooperates with parents and shares their concern for the development of the student.</p> <p>6. Provides means for such sharing of information among appropriate staff members as may be in the best interests of the student.</p> <p>7. Is available equally to all students.</p> <p>8. Establishes a referral system which utilizes all the aid the schools and community offer, guards the privacy of the student and monitors the efficacy of such referrals.</p>
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