

WEATHERLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: GUIDANCE COUNSELING

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112. GUIDANCE COUNSELING	
<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.34</p>	<p>A guidance counseling program is an integral part of the instructional program of district schools. Such a program can:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist students in achieving their optimum potential. 2. Enable students to significantly benefit from the offerings of the instructional program. 3. Identify intellectual, emotional, social and physical needs. 4. Aid students in recognizing options and making choices in vocational and academic educational planning. 5. Assist students in identifying career options consistent with their abilities and goals. 6. Help students learn to make their own decisions and to solve problems independently.
<p>2. Authority</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.34, 12.41</p>	<p>The Board directs that a program of guidance and counseling shall be offered to students that involves the coordinated efforts of all staff members, under the professional leadership of certificated guidance and counseling personnel.</p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee is directed to implement a guidance program that serves the needs of students.</p>
<p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p>The district's program of guidance counseling shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be an integral part of the instructional program at all levels of the school district. 2. Involve staff members at every appropriate level. 3. Honor the individuality of each student.

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Title 22 Sec. 12.16	4. Be coordinated with services provided by locally available social and human services agencies. 5. Cooperate with parents/guardians and address their concern for the development of the student.
Pol. 207	6. Provide means for sharing information among appropriate staff members in the best interests of the student.
Pol. 103	7. Be available equally to all students. 8. Establish a referral system that utilizes resources offered by the school and community, guards the privacy of the student, and monitors the effectiveness of such referrals.
	<p>References:</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.34, 12.16, 12.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 207</p>