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KEYSTONE OAKS SCHOOL DISTRICT	Section	PROGRAMS	

Policy Guide



Title SCHOOL COUNSELING

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	POLICY NO. 112 SCHOOL COUNSELING	
Section 1	<u>Purpose</u>	
	A program of School Counseling is an integral part of the educational program of the schools. The goals give focus to the school counseling program by:	Pol. 146
	1. Supporting the District's Comprehensive Plan to promote and enhance the learning process for all students through an integration of academics, career, and personal/social development.	
	Assisting all students in achieving their optimum educational potential.	
	3. Guiding students to significantly benefit from the offerings of the educational program.	
	4. Assisting teams to identify factors that impact learning and determine a course of action to provide appropriate support.	
	 Aiding students in recognizing options and make informed choices in career and academic educational planning. 	
	6. Upholding the ethical standards specified by the State of Pennsylvania and prescribed by the American School Counseling Association (ASCA) and the American Counseling Association (ACS).	Title 22 Sec. 4.34

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- 7. Member of Student Assistance Team and other teams that support students.
- 8. Responsible for prevention interventions related to Bullying, Suicide, and Truancy.
- 9. Provide individual or group counseling based on student need.

Section 2 Definition

Counseling – refers to the services and programs that promote personal, social, emotional, educational, and career development.

Section 3 **Authority**

Counseling services shall be provided in the Keystone Oaks School District in accordance with those standards and guidelines as established by the Department of Education and approved by the Board of School Directors. Title 22 Sec. 4.34, 12.41

Section 4 Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee is directed to implement and maintain a School Counseling program that serves the needs of students. The program and services shall be offered in grades K through 12 and shall involve the coordinated efforts of all staff members under the professional leadership of certified school counseling personnel.

Section 4 Guidelines

The District's program of School Counseling shall:

20 U.S.C. 34 CFR

1. Involve staff members at every appropriate level.

Part 99 42 U.S.C.

- 2. Honor the individuality of each student.
- 3. Be integrated with the total educational program.
- 4. Be coordinated with available resources of the community.

Title 22 Sec. 12.16

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- 5. Collaborate with parent(s)/guardian(s) and share their concerns for the development of the student.
- 6. Provide means for sharing information among appropriate staff members in the best interests of the student.

42 Pa C.S.A. Sec. 5945

7. Be available equally to all students.

Pol. 103, 103.1

- 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.
- 9. Be knowledgeable of regulations, policies, and laws relating to students and strive to protect the privacy and confidentiality of students, student records, and other protected information.
- 10. Honor and protect the well-being of students.

20 U.S.C. 34 CFR Part 99 42 U.S.C. Title 22 Sec. 12.12 42 Pa C.S.A. Sec. 5945, 8337 Pol. 207

References:

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.34, 12.16, 12.41

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) - 20 U.S.C. 34 CFR, Part 99

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA) - 42 U.S.C., 29 U.S.C. 1181 et seq., 42 U.S.C. 1320d et seq.

Confidential Communications to School Personnel – 42 Pa C.S.A., Sec. 5945

PA Civil Immunity of School Officers/Employees Relating to Drug or Alcohol Abuse – 42 Pa C.S.A., Sec. 8337

Board Policy – 103, 103.1, 146, 207