

# MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: GUIDANCE COUNSELING

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112. GUIDANCE COUNSELING	
1. Purpose Title 22 Sec. 7.1 et seq  Title 22 Sec. 4.34	<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"><li>1. Assist students in achieving their optimum growth.</li><li>2. Enable students to draw the greatest benefit from the offerings of the instructional program of the schools.</li><li>3. Aid students in identifying options and making choices in vocational and academic educational planning.</li><li>4. Assist students in career awareness and planning.</li><li>5. Help students learn to make their own decisions and to solve problems independently.</li></ol>
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 all 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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Involves all staff members at every appropriate level.</li><li>2. Honors the individuality of each student.</li><li>3. Is integrated with the total educational program.</li><li>4. Is coordinated with available resources of the community.</li></ol>

<p>Pol. 103</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5. Cooperates with parents/guardians and shares their concern for the development of the student.</li><li>6. Provides means for such sharing of information among appropriate staff members as may be in the best interests of the student.</li><li>7. Is available equally to all students.</li><li>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.</li><li>9. Is based upon nationally established standards and competencies, which should be addressed by a school counseling program.</li></ol> <p>References:</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.34, 7.1 et seq.</p> <p>Board Policy – 103</p>
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