

**Instruction****Guidance and Counseling Program**

The School District provides a guide and counseling program for students. The Superintendent or designee shall direct the District's guidance and counseling program. School counseling services, as described by State law, may be performed by a qualified guidance specialist or and certificated staff member.

*[For Elementary and Unit Districts]*

Each staff member is responsible for effectively guiding students under his/her supervision in order to provide early identification of intellectual, emotional, social, or physical needs, diagnosis of any learning disabilities, and development of educational potential. The District's counselors shall offer counseling to those students who require additional assistance.

*[ For Secondary and Unit Districts]*

The guidance program will assist students to identify career options consistent with their abilities, interests, and personal value. Students shall be encouraged to seek the help of counselors to develop specific curriculum goals that conform to the student's career objectives. High school juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to receive career-oriented information. Representatives from colleges and universities, occupational training institutions and career-oriented recruiters, including the military, may be given access to the school campus in order to provide students and parent(s)/guardian(s) with information.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.24a and 5/10-22.24b.  
23 Ill. Admin. Code §§1.420(q) and 1.420(b).

CROSS REF.: 7:250 (Student Welfare Service)

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