

POLICY

Board of Education Bernards Township

File Code: M 2411
GUIDANCE PROGRAM

The Board of Education requires that a planned program of guidance and counseling be an integral part of the educational program of the schools to assist pupils in making and implementing informed educational and occupational choices including academic, career and personal/social development.

A program of guidance and counseling, including developmental career guidance and exploration, shall be offered to all pupils in this school district and shall include the services of teaching staff members certified as guidance personnel and other designated teaching staff members.

THE GUIDANCE PROGRAM WILL:

- Honor the individuality of each pupil;
- Be integrated with the total educational program;
- Be coordinated with available resources of the community;
- Provide for cooperation of school staff with parents and will share their concern for the development of the pupil;
- Provide for the means of sharing information among appropriate staff members in the pupil's interest;
- Be available equitably to all pupils;
- Establish a referral system that utilizes all the aid of the schools and community;
- Guard the privacy of the pupils;
- Monitor the efficacy of referrals;
- Encourage visits of educational and occupational representatives, including military recruiters; and
- Prohibit counseling and the use of materials that discriminate among pupils on the basis of their race, color, creed, religion, gender, ancestry, national origin, or social/economic status.

The Superintendent is directed to develop and implement a K-12 guidance program that carries out these purposes as appropriate to each grade level.

LEGAL: N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.7; 6A:19-1.2; 6A:8-2.2;
6A:8-3.2

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