

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

The Issaquah School District recognizes that guidance and counseling is an important part of the district's total program of instruction and is integral in achieving the district's mission of academic excellence and success for all students. The district will provide counseling and guidance services in accordance with state laws and regulations, and district policies and procedures.

The District believes school counselors serve a vital role in maximizing student achievement and supporting a safe, compassionate learning environment. In the Issaquah School District, the purpose and role of the school counselor is to plan, organize, and deliver a comprehensive school guidance and counseling program that personalizes education and supports, promotes, and enhances the academic, personal, social, and career development of all students, based, in part, on the national standards for school counseling programs of the American School Counselor Association.

The comprehensive school guidance and counseling program will assist every student in acquiring the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to become an effective student, responsible citizen, productive worker, and a lifelong learner.

School counseling programs should include the following elements: guidance curriculum, individual student planning, responsive services, and systems support for the counseling program.

Legal References: RCW 28A.410.043 School counselor certification

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