Purpose

The Board of Education believes that a comprehensive school counseling program is an essential component of the educational offerings in all schools. The counseling program is driven by student data, based on standards in academic, career and personal/social emotional development and assists students in developing:

1. A better understanding and acceptance of themselves - their strengths, aptitudes, needs, values, interests, and self-worth as unique individuals, and areas of opportunities to further grow and develop

2. Interpersonal relationships on the basis of mutual respect

3. Increased skill in problem solving and decision making

4. Responsibility for their educational, occupational, and avocational improvement

The school counseling program is a collaborative effort between the school counselor, the family, other educators, and the community, and in alignment with School District of Philadelphia goals and objectives, to promote student achievement through efforts that ensure equitable access, opportunities and participation in all efforts that build students, social, emotional and cognitive strengths.
Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent is authorized to delegate the direction, and evaluation, in order to continually improve a K-12 Comprehensive School Counseling Program that serves the needs of all students.

Legal References:

1. Pa Code: Title 22 § 12.41 Student Services.
3. Pa Code: Title 22 § 339.32.