

### **363 GUIDANCE PROGRAM**

The guidance program shall be an integral part of the total program of instruction and the responsibility and concern of all staff.

The major objective of the guidance program is to help each student make the best of his/her educational opportunities toward a normal, useful and happy life.

The guidance program shall be directed toward the growth and improvement of all students in the school, recognizing however, that some students are in greater need of individual guidance than others.

The guidance program shall attempt to provide for each student a sense of belonging, self-respect, emotional security, achievement and recognition. The program shall also endeavor to help the student develop an appreciation and understanding of the world in which he/she lives by providing a classroom and school environment in which effective learning and good behavior take place.

The guidance program shall provide a positive program of correction and prevention of antisocial behavior of students. It shall aim to provide a sense of responsibility and self-respect in students.

The guidance program shall include appropriate specialized and general services to students. The superintendent shall be responsible for the overall district program. He/she may delegate the responsibility for administering the specialized guidance and counseling services within the school.

School counselors will have the right to exercise confidentiality in protecting the counselor/student relationship in accordance with the American Personnel and Guidance Code of Ethics, state law, and Federal Educational Rights & Privacy Acts (FERPA).

The School District of Wisconsin Rapids does not discriminate in the methods, practices and materials used for counseling, evaluating and testing students on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

LEGAL REF.:           Sections 118.126 Wisconsin Statutes  
                              118.13  
                              121.02(1)(e)  
                              PI 8.01(2)(e), Wisconsin Administrative Code  
                              9.03

CROSS REF.:           Guidance and Counseling Program Plan

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