

364 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Psychological services will be made available by the district with the intent of assisting all students in reaching their greatest potential. All persons directly or indirectly concerned with any case referred for these services shall handle all information and personal relationships in a professional and confidential manner, except as may be otherwise required by state law. These services are provided because the Board believes that:

1. Children learn best when their emotional needs are met. The first and most important responsibility of the school is to educate, to teach children the necessary attitudes and skills to enable them to live successfully in our community and country.
2. Anything that hinders the teaching-learning process is the concern of the school.

Based on these beliefs, the following psychological services will be provided by the school district:

1. Counseling or discussing problems with students, parents, or school staff.
2. Referring students to the appropriate health services or agencies.
3. Administering intelligence, achievement, attitudinal, personality, and other tests for diagnosis of learning and psychological problems.
4. Recommending instructional or behavioral techniques of procedures to school personnel or parents.

Services provided by the school district will not include psychological therapy or treatment for emotional problems.

The district will assist parents in locating psychologists or psychiatrists who can provide therapy or treatment services.

Referrals for psychological services shall be made in accordance with established procedures.

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 in its education programs or activities. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 115.76.5 Wisconsin Statutes
118.126
118.13
PI 9.03, Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.: 364-Rule, Psychological Services Referrals
411-Rule, Student Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedures

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