

**North Wasco County
School District 21**

Code: **IJ**
Adopted: 6/8/00
Readopted: 5/26/04
Orig. Code(s): The Dalles IJ

Guidance Program

The district's counseling and guidance program focuses on the developmental needs of all students.

Counselors demonstrate respect for each individual's dignity and worth and encourage each student to develop individual responsibility and decision-making skills. Counselors coordinate the school guidance program and involve all staff members in designing and implementing plans to meet the following major goals:

1. Educational Development - Students will participate in planning their educational experiences so that their education is consistent with educational requirements and career aspirations;
2. Personal/Social Development - Students will develop appropriate behaviors for a variety of social settings; students will develop awareness of self and confidence in their own abilities;
3. Career Development - Students will develop career options consistent with their interests, abilities and values. Career development includes focus on vocation, avocation, family life and citizenship.;
4. Conflict Resolution - Students will be assisted in the resolution of personal conflicts or problems or referred to the appropriate professional.

Within the framework of the counseling and guidance goals, specific student and curricular objectives will be developed.

Within the areas of counseling and guidance responsibility, the counselor enters into professional relationships with three segments of the school community: students, school personnel and parents. Consistent with individual rights and the counselor's obligations as a professional, the counseling relationship and resulting information is, in most instances, protected as privileged communications by Oregon law. When appropriate, counselors will be responsible for explaining the ramifications of confidentiality to students.

The district will, periodically, evaluate the guidance and counseling programs at all grade levels.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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| ORS 40.245 | OAR 581-021-0046 (7) |
| ORS 326.565 | OAR 581-022-0606 |
| ORS 326.575 | OAR 581-022-0610 |
| ORS 336.187 | OAR 581-022-1020 |
| | OAR 581-022-1510 |

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99 (2000).
Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232h; 34 CFR Part 98 (2000).

Cross Reference(s):

IJA - Confidentiality in Counseling