SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: GUIDANCE COUNSELING

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	112. GUIDANCE COUNSELING
1. Purpose	A program of guidance counseling is an integral part of the educational program of the schools. Such a program can:
	1. Assist students in achieving their optimum potential.
	2. Enable students to draw the greatest benefit from the offerings of the instructional program.
	3. Provide identification of intellectual, emotional, social and physical needs.
Title 22 Sec. 4.34	4. Aid students in recognizing options and making choices in vocational and academic educational planning.
	5. Assist students in identifying career options consistent with their abilities and goals.
	6. Help students learn to make their own decisions and to solve problems independently.
2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.34, 12.41	The Board directs that a program of guidance and counseling shall be offered to all students which involve the coordinated efforts of all staff members under the professional leadership of certificated guidance and counseling personnel.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent or designee is directed to implement a guidance program which serves the needs of students.
4. Guidelines	The district's program of guidance counseling shall:
	1. Involve all staff members at every appropriate level.
	2. Honor the individuality of each student.
	3. Be integrated with the total educational program.

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Title 22 Sec. 12.16	4. Be coordinated with available resources of the community.
Sec. 12.10	5. Cooperate with parents and share their concern for the development of the student.
Pol. 207	6. Provide means for sharing information among appropriate staff members in the best interests of the student.
Pol. 103, 103.1	7. Be available equally to all students.
	8. Establish a referral system which utilizes resources offered by the school and community, guards the privacy of the student, and monitors the effectiveness of such referrals.
PA Code	References:
Title 22 Sec. 7.1	State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.34, 12.16, 12.41
et seq	Board Policy – 103, 207