

**PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #6  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY**

**CODE: JLD**

**GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING**

The focus of the counseling and guidance program in the district is on the developmental needs of all students and at the elementary and secondary levels.

Counselors demonstrate respect for the dignity and worth of each individual, 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 three major goals:

- Educational Development - Students will participate in planning their educational experiences so that their education is consistent with educational requirements and career aspirations.
- 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 in order to enhance their career and development.
- Career Development - Students will develop career options consistent with their interests, abilities, and values. Career development includes focus on the four areas of vocation, avocation, family life, and citizenship.

Within the framework of the counseling and guidance goals, specific student and curricular objectives are being 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 and guardians. Consistent with the rights of the individual and obligations of the counselor as a professional, the counseling relationship and resulting information in most instances is treated as confidential. This information may be shared with building administrators or with the student's parents.

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