

## *Document Status: Review and Monitoring*

### **INSTRUCTION**

#### **6:270 School Counseling Program**

The School District provides a school counseling program for students. The Superintendent or designee shall direct the District's school counseling program. School counseling services, as described by State law, may be performed by a staff member with appropriate certification. [PRESSPlus1](#)

Each staff member is responsible for effectively guiding students under his/her supervision in order to provide early identification of intellectual, emotional, social, or physical needs, diagnosis of any learning disabilities, and development of educational potential. The District may offer support to those students who require additional assistance.

The school counseling program will assist students to identify career options consistent with their abilities, interests, and personal values. Students shall be encouraged to seek the help of counselors to develop specific curriculum goals that conform to the student's career objectives. High school juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to receive career-oriented information. Representatives from colleges and universities, occupational training institutions and career-oriented recruiters, including the military, may be given access to the school campus in order to provide students and parents/guardians with information.

The Board of Education requires that a planned program of counseling and advising be an integral part of the educational program of the District.

The Superintendent, or designee, is directed to implement the counseling and advising program.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/10-22.24a](#) and [5/10-22.24b](#).

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.420\(q\)](#).

CROSS REF.: 6:50 (School Wellness), 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional

Development), 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:130 (Program for Acceleration and Enrichment), 7:100 (Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students), 7:250 (Student Support Services), 7:290 (Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention)

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## **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. This policy is suggested to be reviewed by the Board. According to policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*, "[t]he Board will periodically review its policies for relevancy, monitor its policies for effectiveness, and consider whether any modifications are required." IASB suggests that each policy in the Board's policy manual be reviewed at a minimum of every five years. As part of the review, the Board may choose to:

- Compare the adopted version to the current PRESS sample (available at PRESS Online by logging in at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com)), discussing any differences and/or options noted in the footnotes to determine whether local changes are necessary
- Update the policy language due to changes in local conditions
- Make no changes, but update the adoption date to reflect that the policy has been reviewed and re-adopted

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