

STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS/COUNSELING  
COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE PROGRAM

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(LOCAL)

**Counselors**

Guidance counselors provide counseling services to promote each student's personal, academic, career, and social development in the educational setting. Counselors plan, implement, and evaluate comprehensive developmentally appropriate guidance programs that address the identified needs of students. Counselors also provide appropriate counseling interventions to help all students become responsible and productive citizens.

**Program Design**

A comprehensive developmental guidance and counseling program shall include:

1. A guidance curriculum that addresses academic, career, and social development;
2. A responsive services component that addresses personal concerns and issues;
3. An individual planning system emphasizing educational, career, and personal planning; and
4. System support to coordinate the efforts of teachers, staff, parents, and the community in promoting student development.

**Program Delivery**

Counseling services are delivered through individual and small group counseling sessions as well as large group guidance activities. In addition, counselors consult with parents, educators, school personnel, and other professionals to facilitate effective communications and promote student success. In consultation with parents, counselors also coordinate services for students and make referrals to school resources and community agencies as appropriate.

**Parental Review**

All materials used in the guidance program shall be open to review by parents and interested community members upon request. Additionally, materials shall be available for review at scheduled campus events during the school year.

**Parental Consent**

Guidance and counseling services are provided as a regular part of the instructional program in Ector County Independent School District. As part of the regular instructional program, parent or guardian consent for student participation is only required for those activities for which the District requires parental consent. [See FNG(LEGAL), FFE(LEGAL), EHA(LEGAL), FM(LEGAL)]

**Professional Growth**

Counselors shall actively participate in appropriate staff development provided by professional counselor organizations, region service centers, school district departments, and state counselor conferences. Counselors shall maintain high professional standards and adhere to the codes of conduct governing the counseling profession.