

STUDENT INSTRUCTION**K-12 School Counseling Program**

The District will provide a K-12 School Counseling program that will strive to assist every student.

All staff members are responsible for effectively guiding students under their supervision in order to provide early identification of intellectual, emotional, social and physical needs, and to make appropriate referrals for evaluation of special needs. The counselors offer services to supplement the District's efforts to meet the academic development, personal / social development and career development needs of students outside of the classroom setting.

High school students will have the opportunity to receive college and 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 with information. All recruiters, including but not limited to college, university, employment and military recruiters, must follow the procedures established by the District.

All staff will encourage students to explore and develop their individual interests in career and vocational technical programs and employment opportunities without regard to gender, race, marital status, national origin, or disability/mobility conditions, including encouraging students to consider and explore "nontraditional" occupations.

The District may utilize a career coach for educational and career counseling. A career coach may offer opportunities for internships or apprenticeships within the community and assist students with high school course offerings, career options, occupational training, and postsecondary opportunities associated with the student's field of interest.

Legal References:	§ 26-1-809, MCA	Confidential communications by student to employee of educational institution
	§ 49-3-203, MCA	Educational, counseling and training programs
	House Bill 458	Career Coaches

Cross References:

Policy History:

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