

Policy for School Counseling in Nebraska

The State Board of Education encourages the implementation of local school counseling programs based on the Nebraska School Counseling Program Model, which is in direct alignment with the ASCA-American School Counselor Association's National Model for Comprehensive School Counseling Programs. School counseling programs should be delivered system-wide for all students in grades K-12, based on developmentally appropriate essential learnings (standards).

School counseling programs should teach:

- Learning skills that lead to academic development;
- Earning skills that lead to career development; and
- Living skills that lead to personal and social development.

School counseling programs' content should be delivered to students and parents through:

- Curriculum, including classroom guidance lessons;
- Individual student planning, including Personal Learning Plans;
- Responsive services, including small group or individual counseling as necessary; and
- Systems support, including activities and materials.

The role of the professional school counselor should be to:

- Design and implement a comprehensive school counseling program for all students;
- Teach, monitor student data and plan closing-the-gap activities for increased achievement of all students;
- Provide leadership to accomplish the school district's mission and school improvement plan; and
- Report and interpret students' results in achievement, attendance and behavior.

The State Board of Education emphasizes that school counselors are bound by the same requirements for confidentiality and parental access to, and the same restrictions on release of, student information that apply to other school personnel. These restrictions and requirements include those contained in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and Nebraska Revised Statute 79-2,104.

Board Action History

- 2/10/80 – PRIOR JE
(Previous Student Guidance Program Policy repealed when 1984 Policy Manual was adopted.)
- 6/7/02 – G5 (NEW)
(Based on policy statement adopted 10/8/99)
- 5/5/2011 – Board reaffirmed policy

Cross-References

- 92 NAC 10
- 92 NAC 14
- 92 NAC 21
- 92 NAC 24
- 92 NAC 51
- G6
- 34 CFR 99 (FERPA)
- 34 CFR 104.36 (§504)
- 34 CFR 300.610 – 300.627 (IDEA)
- Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-2,104