



Administrative Procedure 240

STUDENT COUNSELLING SERVICES

Background

School based counselling services are an important dimension of the education process and that the purpose of this service to support the all-inclusive educational objectives of the District.

Counselling services are available to all students from kindergarten to grade 12 as an integral part of school programs and services.

Definition

Counselling includes a variety of group-oriented activities designed to enhance student attitudes and values and refers to an individualized, small-group or class process that assists students with specific personal/social issues and difficulties, and educational or career issues. Counselling services may be developmental, preventative or crisis-oriented.

Procedures

1. Principals shall develop procedures for the provision of school-based counselling services which are consistent with provincial policy and procedures, subject to the approval of the Superintendent.
 - 1.1 The District Principal of Student Support Services will assign District-based elementary counsellors as appropriate.
2. Effort will be made to employ professionally trained counsellors who have had successful experience in education.
3. Counselling services provided by the school shall meet identified needs of students in three key areas:
 - 3.1 Educational
 - 3.2 Personal/social; and
 - 3.3 Career development.
4. School counsellors or individuals providing counselling services in schools shall respect the confidentiality of information received in accordance with professional ethics and the law.

5. Regular monitoring and evaluation of the performance of counsellors and the services provided relative to their role and program description shall occur.

Reference: Sections 17, 20, 22, 65, 85 School Act
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
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