

BOARD POLICY
Guidance Program**Descriptor Term: JE**
Date: XXXXXX XX, 2023

The Bibb County Board of Education ("Board") will provide for school guidance and counseling services in accordance with state and federal laws, State Board of Education rules, and State Department of Education guidelines.

The school guidance and counseling program will be an integral part of the total program of instruction in the Bibb County School District ("District"). Each school will implement a Comprehensive School Counseling Program that is preventive in design and developmental in nature. Counseling services that enhance the learning process are provided to all students (K-12) by a certified school counselor. The Comprehensive School Counseling Program ensures equitable access to opportunities that promote student growth and achievement. The Comprehensive School Counseling Program will:

1. Be aligned with the mission and vision of the District.
2. Be aligned with the District's Strategic Plan.
3. Encompass the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Model; including the ASCA Mindsets and Behaviors for Student Success standards. These standards serve as a guide for implementing strategies, activities and programs to support and maximize each student's ability to learn. These standards will focus on learning styles, self-management skills, social skills, post-secondary planning and career exploration.
4. Help each student make the best of his or her educational opportunities that will lead to a normal, useful, and happy life.
5. Provide education, prevention and intervention activities that support the academic, career, and social/emotional development of all students.
6. Include direct services to all students; including classroom instruction, group activities, appraisal, advisement, responsive services, and crisis support.
7. Include indirect services that include consultation and collaborating with all stakeholders as appropriate.
8. Provide support for students and families to schools or community resources/ agencies for additional assistance, as needed.