Instruction

GUIDANCE, COUNSELING & HOME SCHOOL LIAISON SERVICES BP 6164.2(a)

The School Board shall provide counseling and home/school liaison programs to enhance academic achievement and emotional security. The Board recognizes that some students are in greater need of guidance than others. These counseling programs shall serve students’ diverse needs and shall encourage productive learning experiences.

Staff members shall make every effort to respect student confidentiality as appropriate and shall consult with the Superintendent or designee or with the district’s legal counsel whenever unsure of how to respond to a student’s personal problem. Parental consultation and consent for counseling shall be obtained as appropriate.

Academic counseling shall help students establish immediate and long-range educational plans consistent with their individual needs, abilities, interests and aptitudes without regard to gender. Insofar as possible, parents/guardians shall be included when making these plans, and student placement shall not be limited by past grades and test scores. Minority, disadvantaged, low-income and other students shall not be automatically or systematically channeled into vocational or special education.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

Counseling staff shall help secondary students to plan for the future, become aware of their career potential, understand the business world and develop realistic perceptions of work. Planning for post-secondary, or career technical training shall include information about courses needed for admission to colleges, universities and other training institutions. Post-secondary institutions, prospective employers, and military recruiters may be granted access to students as deemed appropriate by counseling staff and the building administrator.

Note: 4 AAC 06.530 requires districts to establish written procedures for the biennial training of guidance and counseling personnel in the recognition of sex bias in counseling materials in techniques for overcoming the effects of sex bias.

As required by law, the Superintendent or designee shall provide biennial training for guidance, counseling, and home/school liaison staff in recognizing and overcoming gender bias.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse and Neglect)
(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)
(cf. 6164.5 - Student Study Teams)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES
14.18.030 Discrimination in counseling and guidance services prohibited
14.18.050 Discrimination in course offerings prohibited

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
4 AAC 06.530 Guidance and counseling services
4 AAC 51.330 Vocational guidance and placement