

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING SERVICES

The Amber-Pocasset Board of Education is committed to providing balanced and comprehensive personnel services for all students, including those unable to gain maximum benefit from usual school curriculum without specialized programs. Each school site shall exhibit understanding of and attention to the physical, mental, and emotional health of all its students, as well as provide the facilities (affording privacy, if at all possible) clerical help, and materials necessary for effective implementation of such services.

Teachers, parents, administrators, and the counseling staff shall all be involved in the assessment and identification of student needs. Each school site shall provide a program of guidance and counseling services, in group or individual settings. The counseling services shall provide a planned program of group guidance activities that enhance student self-esteem and promote the development of student competence in the academic, personal/social, and career/vocational areas. The manager of counseling services at each site shall, in cooperation with central office administration, make appropriate student referrals to other specialized persons, clinics, or agencies in the community.

Counseling and guidance services shall be coordinated and shall work cooperatively with other school staff and other educational entities. Each counselor shall follow a planned calendar of activities based on established program goals, and provide direct and indirect services to students, teachers, and/or parents.