

Guidance and Counseling

The district recognizes that guidance and counseling is an important part of the total program of instruction and is integral in achieving the district's mission of academic excellence and success for all students. The district will provide counseling and guidance services in accordance with state laws and regulations, school improvement plan, ethical standards, and district policies and procedures.

The board believes school counselors serve a vital role in maximizing student achievement and supporting a safe, compassionate learning environment. In the Shaw Island School District, the purpose and role of the school counselor is to plan, organize, and deliver a comprehensive school guidance and counseling program that personalizes education and supports, promotes, and enhances the academic, personal, social, and career development of all students, based on the national standards for school counseling programs of the American School Counselor Association.

It is the goal of the Shaw Island Board of Directors that the district's comprehensive school guidance and counseling program will assist every student in acquiring the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to become an effective student, responsible citizen, productive worker and a lifelong learner. To that end, the district will develop and use materials, orientation programs and counseling techniques that encourage participation in all school programs and courses of study, including career and vocational technical programs and employment opportunities, based on factors other than sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal.

The district will not deny any student the ability to participate in or benefit from its any of its course offerings based on any of the categories listed in this policy, whether they take place on or off school grounds or are offered as part of the district's online or alternative learning programs;

Cross References: 2170 – Career and Technical Education
 3123 – Withdrawal Prior to Graduation
 3210 - Nondiscrimination

Legal References: RCW 28A.410.043 School counselor certification
 WAC 392-190-010 Agency filings affecting this section
 counseling and guidance services – Course and program
 enrollment.

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