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# COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE PROGRAM

Diocesan secondary schools shall provide counseling, guidance and career services for students. These services are also highly recommended *on site* for diocesan elementary schools.

When appropriate, schools shall utilize testing, guidance, and counseling services that various agencies extend to students of nonpublic schools with prior approval of the Superintendent of Schools. Virtual counseling is not permitted on site in any diocesan elementary or secondary school.

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When feasible, elementary schools will engage the services of a licensed school or community counselor. Elementary schools may also use agencies such as public schools, universities, mental health clinics and private counseling agencies to assist in providing services with the approval of the Superintendent of Schools.

Secondary school counseling and guidance programs shall:

1. Have clearly stated goals and objectives that are evaluated and updated regularly.
2. Include guidance and counseling in the following areas: academic, vocational, personal, moral, spiritual and college/career.
3. Make services available and easily accessible to all students.
4. Employ counseling and guidance personnel properly licensed for their work by the State of Illinois. Campus ministers or those who do counseling of a religious nature shall be professionally trained, but do not substitute for licensed counseling and guidance school personnel.
5. Assure that student records are maintained accurately and confidentially.
6. Involve teachers, when needed.
7. Be a resource for faculty and staff.
8. Provide data for faculty and staff research and evaluation of the school’s educational program.

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