

## Guidance Mission & Policies

**Our guidance counsellors are here to help our students and their families become successful life-long learners. Students and parents should feel free to consult with their counsellors at any time during the school year. This page offers more useful information.**

Individual conferences are scheduled with each student yearly, along with small group meetings to discuss student interests, abilities, course selections, educational and vocational opportunities, and personal or social concerns.

## Extended Availability

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The counsellor is also available one week before the start of school and three days after school commences in June. The Guidance Department also provides informational services and materials for students and parents. Materials available include school and college uncatalogued; employment, vocational and occupational information; scholarship and financial aid booklets; armed services brochures; and reference information regarding College Board Testing (PSAT, SAT, SAT II, AP) and the American College Testing Program (ACT).

## Decision Making

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The guidance counsellor works very closely in decision-making skills and in advising students in making sound educational choices. A great deal of the counsellor's time is spent in group and individual counselling. The counsellor monitor students' grades and credits so that graduation and career requirements are met. The Counselor helps students sort through the curricular offerings in choosing courses appropriate for their career plans.

## Vocational Programs & Requirements

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Students are enrolled in 3.5 credits of Career and Technical training each year. They are expected to complete a program in a minimum of two years in order to obtain a certification in their CTE area. Students are expected to take the state mandated tests in each area assigned in order to graduate. (NOCTI, NIMS, NATEF) If a student is interested in a shop change, the student must get the required form from the guidance counsellor. The student will be informed when the transfer has been approved and the student may then go to the newly assigned program. Absolutely no change will be made for a student after the start of their 11th grade year. Student must pass two years of your vocational program to graduate.