

## The School Board of Gadsden County

### Bylaws & Policies

Unless a specific policy has been amended and the date of the policy was revised is noted at the bottom of that policy, the bylaws and policies of The School Board of Gadsden County were adopted on June 25, 2013, and were in effect beginning June 26, 2013.

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#### **2411 - GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING**

The School Board requires that a planned program of guidance and counseling be an integral part of the educational program of the schools. Such a program must be found in the District's Comprehensive Guidance Plan and may:

- A. assist students in achieving their optimum growth;
- B. enable students to obtain maximum benefit from the offerings of the instructional program of the schools;
- C. aid students in identifying options and making choices in vocational and academic planning;
- D. help integrate all the students' experience so that s/he can better relate school activity to life outside the school;
- E. help students learn to make their own decisions and solve problems independently.

A program of guidance and/or counseling shall be offered to all students and shall:

- A. be limited to the services of a professional staff of fully-licensed guidance personnel;
- B. include the services of professional guidance personnel and other designated faculty and staff members; and appropriate members of the community;
- C. be the responsibility of the classroom teacher who may draw upon the services of other more specialized staff members as they are required.

The Superintendent is directed to implement the adopted counseling and guidance program which carries out these purposes and:

- A. involves appropriate staff members at every level;
- B. honors the individuality of each student;
- C. is integrated with the total educational program;
- D. is coordinated with available resources of the community;
- E. provides means for such sharing of information among such appropriate staff members as may be in the best interests of the student;
- F. is available equally to all students;
- G. establishes a referral system which utilizes all the aid the schools and community offer, guards the privacy of the student, and monitors the effectiveness of such referrals.

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