

GUIDANCE & COUNSELING SERVICE

General Course Description

The Guidance and Counseling Program is an integral part of the total educational program at the Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy. It reflects the school district's commitment to providing a comprehensive guidance and counseling program for all students. It is developmentally appropriate for students and provides sequential activities to help them transition from pre-adolescence into young adulthood. The program has three content areas:

- Career Planning and Exploration
- Knowledge of Self and Others
- Educational/Career - Technical Development

For those students attending a half-day program at the Academy, the program offers liaison services among the home school administration, counselors, teachers and parents, and the academy such as:

- Application and admission to the appropriate program at SASA
- Scheduling and transferring of grades
- Assisting the home school counselor in meeting the personal, emotional, social, and academic needs of students.

A resource center of college catalogs and career information especially attuned to the areas of the arts and sciences is available to students.

Program Goals

The guidance counselor will:

1. Evaluate the student's abilities, needs, and interests and thus help the parents and students make an appropriate program placement at the Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy.
2. Coordinate SASA and home school programs, grades, and credits.
3. Provide Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Services to full-day students and supplement home school services for half-day students.
4. Guide and counsel students through the development of educational and career plans, making connections to college and other post-secondary opportunities.
5. Utilize school and community resources for referrals to meet special needs of students.
6. Provide information and consultation services to staff.

The student will:

1. Enter a program in keeping with his/her talents and/or career objectives.
2. Participate in the Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program.
3. Participate in the development of his/her educational and career plans.
4. Prepare for post-secondary placement.
5. Accept a program of rigor and balanced coursework that is comprehensive in nature and in keeping with the goals of the academy to develop well-rounded graduates and citizens of our community.