

EA 3A.02.008 School Counseling Policy

The scope of the school counseling program at Excelsior Academy is to provide for all students' long-term academic, college and career readiness, citizenship, and social/emotional development; the school counselor will demonstrate the basic skills and dispositions to promote students' autonomy, literacy, responsibility to self and others, and lifelong learning.

The school counselor will support the students academically by guiding them in selecting classes that challenge and inspire each individual student. Administration shall develop, in consultation with school personnel, parents, and school community, procedures to ensure effective implementation of student education plans/student education occupation plans (SEPs/SEOPs) consistent with Section 53E-2-304 (2)(b).

The school counselor is vital in supporting the teaching of character education traits, substance abuse intervention and prevention, bullying prevention, and suicide prevention through classroom presentations, school-wide assemblies, and meetings with individual students.

The EA counseling department will collaborate with the local high schools' counseling staff to provide a smooth and easy transition for 8th graders moving to high school.

The school counselor will provide services to individuals and groups of students as needed. School counseling is crucial to crisis response at EA. The school counselor will act in a support role to school administration in assisting with matters of discipline, attendance, and other counseling tasks assigned.