 **No. 112**

 **SECTION: PROGRAMS**

**TITLE: GUIDANCE COUNSELING**

**MEDICAL ACADEMY ADOPTED: 10/8/13**

**CHARTER SCHOOL REVISED:**

112. GUIDANCE COUNSELING

A guidance program is an integral part of the school program. Such a program can:

 1. Assist students in achieving their optimum potential.

 2. Enable students to significantly benefit from the offerings of the instructional program.

 3. Identify intellectual, emotional, social and physical needs.

 4. Aid students in recognizing options and making choices in educational planning.

 5. Assist students in identifying career options consistent with their abilities and goals.

 6. Help students learn to make their own decisions and to solve problems independently.

The Board directs that a program of guidance and counseling shall be offered to students that involves the coordinated efforts of all staff members, under the professional leadership of certificated guidance and counseling personnel.

The Principal/CEO or designee is directed to implement a guidance program that serves the needs of students.

The school's program of guidance counseling shall:

 1. Be an integral part of the instructional program at all levels of the school.

 2. Involve staff members at every appropriate level.

 3. Honor the individuality of each student.

 4. Be coordinated with services provided by locally available social and human services

 agencies.

 5. Cooperate with parents/guardians and address their concerns for the development of the

 student.

 6. Provide means for sharing information among staff members as appropriate.

 7. Be available equally to all students.

 8. Establish a referral system that utilizes resources offered by the school and community,

 guards the privacy of the student, and monitors the effectiveness of such referrals.

 References:

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.34, 12.16, 12.41