Avoca Central School District K-12 Comprehensive Guidance Plan



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MISSION STATEMENT of the Avoca Central School District Guidance Department

The Avoca Central School District is committed to measurably improving the academic performance of all students and provide opportunities for students to reach their fullest potential.

The Avoca Central School District will also support students in meeting their basic needs that will build self-esteem, motivation, and pride in a positive, safe and nurturing environment.

We recognize the importance of our partnerships with students, parents, and the community in developing confident and capable graduates by fostering citizenship, social development, and life-long learning.

The Rationale for School Counseling Programs

The primary goal of school counseling programs is to promote and enhance student learning though three broad and interrelated areas of student development. Each of these areas encompass a variety of desired student learning competencies, which in turn are comprised of specific knowledge, attitudes and skills, which form the foundation of the developmental school counseling program. The three areas of student development are academic development, career development, and personal/social development. A comprehensive school counseling program is developmental and systematic in nature, sequential, clearly defined, and accountable. The program is proactive and preventive in its focus and it assists students in acquiring life-long learning skills. School counseling programs are developed by focusing on needs and issues related to various stages of student growth. There is a commitment to individual uniqueness and the maximum development in the three major areas, academic, career, and personal/social.

Components of a School Counseling Program

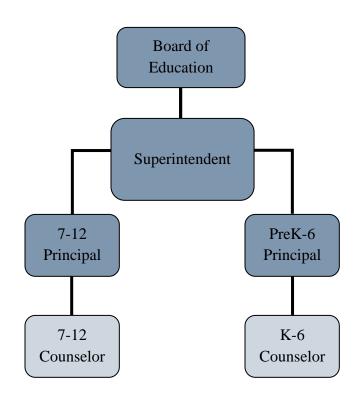
The comprehensive school counseling program integrates academic, career, and personal/social development. Counseling, consultation, collaboration, coordination, case management, guidance curriculum, and program evaluation are the primary delivery methods in an effective school counseling program.

The purpose of a counseling program in a school setting is to promote and enhance the learning process. (From the American School Counselor Association, the National Standards for School Counseling Programs)

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Avoca Central School District Counseling and Development Plan 2015-16

Commissioner's Regulations

Following are the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education pertaining to guidance programs in elementary and secondary schools, as adopted by the Board of Regents on November 16, 1984:

Public Schools - Each school district shall have a guidance program for all students.

In grades K-6, the program shall be designed in coordination with the teaching staff to prepare students to participate effectively in their current and future educational programs, to help students who exhibit any attendance, academic, behavioral, or adjustment problems, to educate students concerning avoidance of child sexual abuse, and to encourage parental involvement.

In grades 7-12, the guidance program shall include the following activities or services:

- 1. An annual review of each student's educational progress and career plans, with such reviews to be conducted with each student individually, or with small groups by personnel certified or licensed as school counselors;
- 2. Instruction at each grade level to help students learn about various careers and about career planning skills conducted by personnel certified or licensed as school counselors, or by classroom teachers in cooperation with school counselors;
- 3. Other advisory and individual or group counseling assistance to enable students to benefit from the curriculum, to help students develop and implement post-secondary education and career plans, to help students who exhibit any attendance, academic, behavioral, or adjustment problems, and to encourage parental involvement, provided that advisory assistance shall be provided by teachers or counselors, or by certified teaching assistants under the supervision of counselors or teachers, and that such individual or group counseling assistance shall be provided by certified or licensed school counselors, or by certified or licensed school psychologists or certified or licensed school social workers in cooperation with school counselors; and
- 4. The services of personnel certified or licensed as school counselors. Each school district shall develop a district plan, which sets forth the manner in which the district shall comply with the requirements of this subdivision. The City School District of the City of New York shall submit a separate plan for each community school district, for the High School Division and for the Special Education Division. Such plan shall be filed in the district offices and shall be available for review by any individual. The plan shall present program objectives, which describe expectations of what students will learn from the program; activities to accomplish the objectives; specification of staff members and other resources assigned to accomplish the objectives; and provisions for the annual assessment of program results. The plan shall be reviewed annually by the school districts, and revisions shall be made as necessary. Non-Public Schools Each non-public secondary school shall provide a guidance and counseling program for students in grades 7-12.

Avoca Central School Elementary Guidance Plan for Grades K-6

Elementary Counseling and Development Plan

A. Program Objective:	The program prepares students to participate effectively in the current educational programs.
B. Target Population:	Grades K – 6
C. Expected Outcome:	 Student will maintain achievement levels appropriate to their ability and maturity in all curriculums. Students will maintain an observable interest and effort in their school work. Students will demonstrate interpersonal communication and problem-solving skills appropriately.
D. Annual Assessment:	 Student achievement will be measured by progress reports and report card grades every 5 weeks. Student motivation will be noted by the classroom teacher and also by their report card grades. Interpersonal communications and problem-solving skills growth will be noted by classroom teachers and school personnel.

Activities	Target Group	Staff Assigned	Other Resources	Dates
Study Skills	K-6	Classroom Teachers	School Counselor, School Psychologist & Principal	On-going
Student/Teacher Conferences on Academic Progress	K-6	Classroom Teachers	School Counselor, School Psychologist, RTI & AIS Teachers & Principal	On-going
Instruction About Appropriate Behavior	K-6	Classroom Teachers	School Counselor, School Psychologist & Principal	On-going

A. Program Objective:	To prepare students to participate effectively in their future educational programs.	
B. Target Population:	Grades K – 6	
C. Expected Outcome:	 Students will demonstrate continuous achievement as they progress through school. Failure rate will remain stable or decrease. Students receiving remedial instruction may make satisfactory progress 	
D. Annual Assessment:	 Report cards grades each marking period: Standardized test results, benchmarks and Academic Intervention Support Teams. Continuous monitoring of students will result in placement in AIS or enrichment programs (when available). 	

Activities	Target Group	Staff Assigned	Other Resources	Dates
Pre-Enrollments		Classroom Teachers,		
Orientation of	All Kindergarten	School Counselor, Nurse &	Principal	On-going
Kindergarten	Students	School Psychologist,	rincipai	OII-going
Registrants		Speech & Hearing Teacher		
Kindergarten Orientation/ Open-House/ Transition Night	K-6	Principal, Teachers, Teacher Aides & School Counselor	School Psychologist, Transportation Supervisor	August/ October
Unit, Chapter and Standardized Testing Reveal Student Strength	K-6	Classroom Teachers	School	On-going

A. Program Objective:	To help students who exhibit attendance problems.
B. Target Population:	Grades K – 6
C. Expected Outcome:	 Students will attend school regularly as a result of this process. Parents will cooperate with the school to ensure the regular attendance of the students.
D. Annual Assessment:	1. Review of monthly and year-end student attendance records.

Activities	Target Group	Staff Assigned	Other Resources	Dates
Regular Attendance Reporting	K-6	Classroom Teacher, Secretary, School Counselor	Principal & Nurse	On-going
Telephone Calls to Parents	Excessive absentee students	Teacher, Principal	School Counselor & Classroom Teachers	On-going
Individual Counseling	Excessive absentee students	Principal	School Counselor & Classroom Teachers	On-going
Parent Conferences	Excessive absentee students	Principal	School Counselor, Classroom Teachers & Nurse	On-going
Referrals to Community Organizations	Excessive absentee students	Principal	School Counselor, Classroom Teachers & Nurse	On-going

A. Program Objective:	To help students who exhibit academic problems.		
B. Target Population:	Grades K – 6		
C. Expected Outcome:	 The class work and homework of students in the programs will improve. The progress report and report card grades of students in the program will improve. The student will demonstrate responsible behavior. 		
D. Annual Assessment:	 Observation of classroom teacher. By the improvement noted on the student(s)' progress reports and report cards. 		

Activities	Target Group	Staff Assigned	Other Resources	Dates
Parent/Teacher Conferences	K-6	Classroom Teacher	School Counselor, RTI & AIS Teachers, School Psychologist & Principal	On-going
After School Assistance	Students in grades K-6 who need assistance in one or more subject areas	Classroom Teachers	Other faculty	On-going
Assignments to Academic Intervention Support (AIS)	Students in grades K-6 in need of this service	1 '	School Psychologist, Classroom Teacher, & Parent	On-going
Individual Counseling	Students in grades K-6 in need of this service	School Counselor	School Psychologist	On-going
Group Counseling	Students in grades K-6 in need of this service	School Counselor	School Psychologist	On-going
Referral to CSE	Students in grades K-6 who continue to fall below academic standards	School Psychologist, School Counselor, Classroom Teacher, Principal	RTI & AIS teachers	Referral to CSE

A. Program Objective:	To help students who exhibit behavioral or adjustment problems.		
B. Target Population:	Grades K – 6		
C. Expected Outcome:	 Student behavior will improve. Student adjustment to school will improve. 		
D. Annual Assessment:	 A reduction in the number of reported disciplinary problems. A student's population enjoying their educational experience. 		

Activities	Target Group	Staff Assigned	Other Resources	Dates
Handbooks including Discipline Policies Distributed to Parents	K-6 & Parents	Principal & Classroom Teachers	School Counselors	On-going
Instruction on Classroom Behavior	K-6	Classroom Teacher	School Counselor	On-going
Refer to School Administrator for Appropriate Discipline	K-6	Principal	School Psychologist	On-going
Parent/Teacher Conferences	K-6	Classroom Teacher, Principal	School counselor, School Psychologist	On-going
Individual Counseling	K-6	School Counselor/School Psychologist	Principal, Teacher, Parent	On-going
Group Counseling	K-6	School Counselor	School Psychologist	On-going
Refer to CST (Child Study Team)	K-6	Classroom Teacher, School Psychologist, School Counselor	RTI & AIS Teachers	On-going
Refer to Community Agencies	K-6	School Counselor, School Psychologist	Community Agencies	On-going
Refer to Committee on Special Education (CSE)	K-6	School Psychologist	CST Team	On-going

A. Program Objective:	To help students deal with family issues that impact education.		
B. Target Population:	Grades K – 6		
C. Expected Outcome:	 Improved academic performance. Students will develop the ability to identify their feelings. Students will develop coping mechanisms. Parents will understand the scope of the guidance program, its content and procedure. 		
D. Annual Assessment:	 Classroom teachers' observation of student response. Parent feedback. Counselor feedback. 		

Activities	Target Group	Staff Assigned	Other Resources	Dates
Individual Counseling	Students Grades K-6 in need of this service	School Counselor	Parents, Classroom Teachers, & School Psychologist	On-going
Group Counseling	Students Grades K-6 in need of this service	School Counselor	Parents, Classroom Teachers, & School Psychologist	On-going
School Counselor/ Parent Conferences	Students Grades K-6 in need of this service	School Counselor	Parents, Classroom Teachers, & School Psychologist	On-going
Referral to Community Agencies	Students Grades K-6 in need of this service	School Counselor	School Psychologist & Community Agencies	On-going

Guidance Objective 7

A. Program Objective:	To encourage parental involvement.	
B. Target Population:	Grades K – 6	
C. Expected Outcome:	 Encouragement of parental involvement in the development and support of the education programs and goals designed for their child. Encouragement of mutual communication between parent and school personnel. Parents will develop a clear understanding of school services and programs provided for their children. 	
D. Annual Assessment:	 Parental feedback. Teacher/Principal/Counselor Observation. Progress Reports. 	

Progress Reports.
 Report Cards.

Activities	Target Group	Staff Assigned	Other Resources	Dates
Current Report/ Progress Reports	All Students Grade K-6	Classroom Teachers, Principals, Special Area Teachers	School Counselor	On-going
Parent Conferences	All Students Grade K-6	School Counselor & Classroom Teacher	Principal & School Psychologist	On-going
Open House	All Parents & Teachers Grades K-6	Administration, Classroom Teacher, Special Area Teachers	School Counselor & School Psychologist	Fall
Orientation	All Students Grade K-6	Principal, Classroom Teacher, & School Counselor	Transportation Supervisor	Summer
Notices to Parents: Report Cards, Progress Reports, Informal Communication, Need of Remediation Letter, AIS Reports	All Parents & Teachers Grades K-6	Classroom Teachers, Principals, Special Area Teachers	Principal, School Counselor & School Psychologist	On-going

A. Program Objective:	To preserve and support the social and emotional health of all students.		
B. Target Population:	Grades K – 6		
C. Expected Outcome:	 Students will feel comfortable in their educational setting. Students will learn and demonstrate good character. School Faculty will teach and model good character. Students will have the appropriate support for their social and emotional issues. 		
D. Annual Assessment:	 Student's level of comfort will be monitored by classroom teachers, and by use of self-report measure. A measurable reduction in discipline referrals for all students. Reassessing the guidance program on a yearly basis. 		

Activities	Target Group	Staff Assigned	Other Resources	Dates
Individual Counseling	All Students Grade K-6 in need of service	School Counselor &	Classroom Teacher, Parent & other School Staff	On-going
Group Counseling	$\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{r}}$	School Councelor X	Classroom Teacher, Parent & Outside Resources	On-going

Avoca Central School Middle School Guidance Plan for Grades 7-8

Middle School Counseling and Development Plan

A. Program Objective:	Academics	
B. Target Population:	Grades 7 – 8	
C. Expected Outcome:	 Students will meet with counselor to review educational progress. Students will meet with counselor to review career plans. 	
D. Annual Assessment:	 Students reports cards/progress reports. Students on ineligibility list. 	

Activities	Target Group	Staff Assigned	Other Resources	Dates
Individual Student/Counselor Conference	7-8	School Counselor		On-going
Group Educational and Career Counseling Sessions	7-8	School Counselor		On-going
Assign AIS Programs	7-8	School Counselor	NYS Test Results	On-going
Failure Letters, and Progress Reports	7-8	School Counselor	Guidance Secretary	On-going
After School Assistance	7-8	Classroom Teachers	School Counselor	On-going
Parent/ Faculty/ Counselor Conferences	7-8	School Counselor	Classroom Teachers	On-going
Referral to CSE/CST	7-8	School Counselor/School Psychologist	Class Teachers	On-going

Middle School Counseling and Development Plan

A. Program Objective:	Counseling
B. Target Population:	Grades 7 – 8
C. Expected Outcome:	1. Counseling services are available to students who are having difficulties related to their educational programs and experience social/emotional difficulties.
D. Annual Assessment:	 Student achievement will be measured by progress reports and report card grades every 5 weeks. Student motivation will be noted by the classroom teacher and also by their report card grades. Interpersonal communications and problem-solving skills growth will be noted by classroom teachers and school personnel.

Activities	Target Group	Staff Assigned	Other Resources	Dates
Individual Counseling on Student's Program and Plans	7-8	School Councelor	Student Records, Outside Counselor	On-going
Referral to Peer Mediation	7-8	School Counselor, NHS Advisor		On-going
Arrange for Tutoring	7-8	School Counselor, Principal		On-going
Referral to Outside Counseling	7-8	School Counselor		On-going

Middle School Counseling and Development Plan

A. Program Objective:	Attendance Concerns
B. Target Population:	Grades 7 – 8
C. Expected Outcome:	1. Students will be advised about how they may attempt to overcome their attendance problem.
D. Annual Assessment:	 Communication with parents. Review of monthly and year-end student attendance records.

Activities	Target Group	Staff Assigned	Other Resources	Dates
Group and Individual Counseling	7-8	School Counselor		On-going
Individual Conferences	7-8	School Counselor	Resource Officer	On-going
Referral to Community Agencies	7-8	School Counselor	Resource Officer	On-going
Referral to CST	7-8	School Counselor	Teacher	On-going
Written and Verbal Communication to Students and Parents Approaching Loss of Credit Based on Attendance Policy	7-8	Principal, School Counselor	Resource Officer, Administration	On-going
Coordinate and Implement Consistent Attendance Taking Procedures	7-8	Class Teachers		On-going
Implementation of Attendance Policy	7-8	Administration	Administration	On-going
Follow-up Phone Calls to Home	7-8	Administration	School Counselor	On-going
PINS Referrals	7-8	School Counselor		On-going

Middle School Counseling and Development Plan

A. Program Objective:	Parental Involvement		
B. Target Population:	Grades 7 – 8		
C. Expected Outcome:	1. Counseling Services are available to students who are having difficulties relating to their educational program.		
D. Annual Assessment:	 Parental feedback. Teacher/Principal/Counselor Observation. Progress Reports. Report Cards. 		

Activities	Target Group	Staff Assigned	Other Resources	Dates
Daytime and Evening Presentations to Inform Parents of Programs, Services, and Personnel Available.	7-8	School Counselors Administration	Class teachers	On-going
Sixth to Seventh Grade Transition Orientation Programs	7-8	School Counselors Administration Classroom teachers		August
Open House Activities	7-8	School Counselors Administration Class teachers		On-going
Parent/ Student/Counselor Conference	7-8	School Counselor Classroom Teachers		On-going
Phone Calls Home	7-8	School Counselor		On-going

Avoca Central School High School Guidance Plan for Grades 9-12

High School Counseling and Development Plan

A. Program Objective:	Social/Emotional Career Exploration
B. Target Population:	Grades 9 – 12
C. Expected Outcome:	 Students will meet with the counselor to review educational requirements for curriculum. Students will understand expectations and requirements of individual courses. Students will review annually their progress and educational course of study.
D. Annual Assessment:	 A reduction in the number of reported disciplinary problems. A student population enjoying their educational experience.

Activities	Target Group	Staff Assigned	Other Resources	Dates
9 th Grade Orientation	9	School Counselor	Administration, Students	August
10 th Grade Career Interest Inventory	10	School Counselor	Administration	Fall
Sophomore Career Day	10	School Counselor	Teachers	Spring
Perfect Attendance	9-12	Attendance Officer	Counselor, Administration	On-going
ASVAB	11-12	School Counselor	Armed Services	Fall
Shadowing's	9-12	School Counselor		On-going
BOCES Tour	10	School Counselor		Fall
Financial Aid Night	12	School Counselor	College Representative	Fall
Scholarship Awareness/Searches	9-12	School Counselor		On-going
BOCES Presentation	10	School Counselor	BOCES Representative	Fall
Report Card Review	9-12	School Counselor	Student, Parents	On-going
Summer School Registration	9-12	School Counselor	Parents	Spring
Research Paper	12	English staff, Counselor, Library staff	Technology, Media Print	All year

High School Counseling and Development Plan

Guidance Objective 2

A. Program Objective:	Social/Emotional Exploration
B. Target Population:	Grades 9 – 12
C. Expected Outcome:	 Student will meet with the counselor review educational requirements for curriculum. Students will understand expectations and requirements of individual courses. Students will review annually their progress and educational course of study.
D. Annual Assessment:	1. A reduction in the number of reported disciplinary problems.

2. A student's population enjoying their educational experience.

Activities	Target Group	Staff Assigned	Other Resources	Dates
Review Daily Attendance and Call Home	All students	Administration, School Counselor	Attendance	All year
Review Report Cards	All students	School Counselor	Transcript	All year
Review and Adjust Schedules	All students	School Counselor	Computer	Summer/Fall
Notification of Home Instructions	All students	CSE Secretary	Administration	All year
Home Visits	Students referred with above problems	Attendance Officer	Counselor, Parent	All year as needed
Meet with Students in Danger of Failing	All students	School Counselor	Report Card, Teacher	All year
Meet with New Families to District During School Year	All new students	School Counselor	Administration	All year
Communicate with Families	All students	School Counselor	Staff	All year
Refer Students to Outside Agencies	Identified students	School Counselor	Community Resources	All year
Introduce Alternative Educational Program	All students	School Counselor		All year
Extra Help After School	All students	School Counselor	Teacher	All year
Referrals to Drug and Alcohol	Identified students	School Counselor		All year
High Risk Interventions	Identified students	School Counselor		All year
Court Legal Proceedings	Identified students	School Counselor		All year
PINS	Students in need	School Counselor		All year
Crisis Intervention	Students in need	School Counselor		All year
Intensive Day Treatment	Students re-entering from Outside Placement	School Counselor	Agency, Teachers	As needed

High School Counseling and Development Plan

A. Program Objective:	Career Exploration
B. Target Population:	Grades 9 – 12
C. Expected Outcome:	 Students will meet with the counselor to review educational requirements for curriculum. Students will understand the expectations and requirements of individual courses. Students will review annually their progress and educational course of study.
D. Annual Assessment:	 Students will have a better understanding of careers by using job shadows, and the English 12 portfolio. 2.

Activities	Target Group	Staff Assigned	Other Resources	Dates
College/Career Night	All students	Counselors	Speakers	Fall
Work Experience	All students	Counselor, Teachers, Business Professionals		On-going
Annual Review	All students	Counselor	Parents	On-going
PSAT	11	Counselor		Fall
SAT Planning	11-12	Counselor	Parents	On-going
Resume Preparation	12	Counselor	Teacher	On-going
College Applications	12	Counselor	Parents	Fall
Senior Interview	12	Counselor		Fall
Portfolio Development	All students	Counselor	Teacher	On-going