

BEULAH HIGH SCHOOL

Guidance and Counseling Program

Mission Statement

The mission of the Lee County Board of Education's Comprehensive School Guidance and Counseling program is to provide a structured program of services to ensure that all students (Grades K-12), regardless of their individual differences, acquire the skills, knowledge, and attitudes needed to become effective students, responsible citizens, productive workers, and lifelong learners. Our comprehensive program addresses the educational, career, and personal/social competencies necessary for all students to function and contribute in a changing society.

The Lee County Schools Guidance and Counseling Program is based upon the following beliefs:

- All children are unique and can benefit from the counseling and guidance services described in the Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Model for Alabama Public Schools (the State Plan), Bulletin 2003, No. 89.
- Every student has the right to participate in activities that promote self-direction and self-development.
- Every student has the right to make choices and accept responsibility for choices made.
- Every student has the right to participate in a comprehensive school counseling and guidance program designed to assist all students in attaining their maximum potential in academic, career, and personal/social development.

The Lee County Schools Guidance and Counseling Program:

- is an integral part of the overall educational program and serves as a critical link to the instructional program and the community,
- is data-driven to meet the specific needs of the student's goals and developmental student competencies,
- involves planning and coordination with other representatives of the school and community with a purposeful and sequential program of activities,
- utilizes many combined resources of the community,
- is evaluated on specific goals and agreed upon student competencies,

- actively involves students and others.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Jason Wright, Assistant Superintendent or Mrs. Michelle Rutherford, Assessment and Accountability Coordinator at 334-705-6000.

The role of the school counselor is to:

- Assist student with life transitions and decision making.
- Coordinates and participates in school wide initiatives to benefit and promote students.
- Serve as support to students in all aspects of their education.
- Consults and collaborates with teachers, parents, staff, and outside resources to enhance the effectiveness of helping students.
- Connect students and families to resources and services within and outside of school.
- Facilitate transition to other types and sources of education when necessary.
- Provide confidential individual counseling to students who are facing obstacles that interfere with their education and serve as an advocate to shepherd students through the life changes.

****Although school guidance and counseling programs coordinate these services, the most effective means of delivery comes from a partnership of school, home, and community.***