

## **The Vision, Assumptions, and Mission of Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling in Oregon**

### **Vision of Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling**

Guidance and counseling is an integral part of each school's total educational program and is essential for each and every student's success. It is developmental by design and includes sequential activities organized and implemented by licensed school counselors and other staff in collaboration with administrators, teachers, students, parents, and other community partners. The guidance and counseling program contains the following components - guidance curriculum, individual planning with students, responsive services, system support and integration, and student advocacy. The guidance and counseling program addresses the needs, assets, and potential of each student by facilitating the development of skills for learning to learn, to work, to live, and to contribute to the community.

### **Assumptions**

Oregon believes that comprehensive guidance and counseling programs are a critical part of the overall educational process. The following assumptions about school guidance and counseling underpin the state's framework.

Comprehensive guidance and counseling programs:

1. Are an integral part of the total educational program of every school district in Oregon;
2. Define a delivery system that is comprehensive, systematic, and collaborative.
3. Address the academic, career, personal/social, and community involvement aspects of student development to assist learning at each grade level;
4. Ensure that each and every student in Oregon is provided services needed to achieve success; and
5. Support student academic and career-related knowledge and skills toward individual achievement of the diploma requirements.

### **Mission of Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling**

The mission of comprehensive guidance and counseling in Oregon is to provide developmental and systematic support to each and every student to ensure the academic, career, personal, and social development and achievement and support participation in the broader community. Comprehensive guidance and counseling programs are proactive and preventative. They enhance learning by assisting students to acquire critical skills for life-long learning and success. They embrace professional standards and models for best practice in the field. Comprehensive guidance and counseling programs provide an array of interventions and supports for students. These are delivered collaboratively with school staff, families, and members of the community to provide seamless transitions to each student's next steps. The goal is that each student will leave the pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade system with the skills and knowledge to live, learn, work, and contribute in the world effectively as individuals, learners, producers, consumers, family members, and citizens.

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Source:

Oregon Department of Education (2003). *Oregon's Framework for Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Programs*. Salem, OR

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