

KING PHILIP GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

The Guidance Department of the King Philip Regional School District believes that guidance is an essential part of the total school program. The department maintains that an effective program of guidance promotes individual student growth and utilizes developmental activities organized and implemented by certified school counselors with the support of teachers, students, and parents. We believe that the following services are an integral part of an effective guidance program.

- Counseling, Consultation, and Referral Services
- Group Informational Services Individual Planning Services
- System Support and Program Development Services

WHAT DO COUNSELORS DO?

The Guidance program in the King Philip Regional School District is structured to assist all students to develop the following: knowledge of self and others, decision-making abilities, career awareness and exploration capabilities, and educational planning skills. By fulfilling this mission, we believe our guidance program will make significant contributions to the attainment of educational excellence in the King Philip Regional School District.

Counselors organize their work schedules around the following basic interventions:

- Individual Counseling
- Small and Large Group Counseling

Curriculum:

The guidance curriculum consists of structured developmental experiences which are systematically presented through classroom and group activities. These activities center upon the issues which help students acquire skills in the areas of knowledge of self and others, career planning and exploration, and educational and vocational development.

HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT STUDENT CONTACTS BY YEAR

GRADE 9

Making It Count Assembly (September)
Dynamic and interactive presentation focusing on how to plan effectively, establish goals throughout high school and strive towards a successful future.

Freshman Guidance Seminar (Fall/Winter)
Group Guidance class which covers:

- The role of the school counselor
- How to make an appointment
- Development of a 4 year HS plan of study
- Importance of Freshman year
- Transcript review
- Graduation requirements

- Individual appointments for course selections
- Individual appointments as needed

GRADE 10

Career/Interest Inventory Seminar (Spring)
Group Guidance class which covers:

- Completing an interest inventory
- Researching careers and areas of study
- Use of Career Cruising, computer career and college resource

PSAT Assembly (December)

- Distribution and explanation of the PSAT score report
- Next steps and how to prepare for SAT

- Individual appointments for course selections
- Individual appointments as needed

GRADE 11

College Mini-Fairs (September/October)
• 5 Fairs with over 150 colleges, universities, vocational and trade schools and military representatives available to students

PSAT Assembly (December)

- Distribution and explanation of the PSAT score report
- Next steps and how to prepare for SAT

College Planning Workshop (Winter)

Group Guidance class which covers:

- Standardized testing
- Requirements for MA colleges and universities
- Beginning the college process
- Aspects to consider
- Resources
- Use of Career Cruising, computer career and college resource

Junior Parent Night (Winter)

The college admissions process evening program for parents

- Individual appointments for course selections
- Individual appointments as needed

GRADE 12

College Mini-Fairs (September/October)

- 5 Fairs with over 150 colleges, universities, vocational and trade schools and military representatives available to students

Senior Class Meetings (Fall)

Group Guidance class which covers:

- Standardized testing
- College admissions options
- Completing of applications
- Process & deadlines
- College tours & interviews
- Importance of senior year grades
- NCAA Clearinghouse
- Financial Aid

Individual Senior Post-Secondary

Appointments (Fall/Winter)

- Review and refine college list
- Clarify application process and student responsibilities

MA State College Scholarship Recipients

Meetings (Fall)

- Koplik and Adams Scholarship students receive letter of notification
- Meetings to review guidelines and steps

Financial Aid Evening Workshop

(December)

- MEFA speaker explains financial aid including forms and process

Alumni Speakers' Symposium (January)

- Recent graduates return to King Philip to share their transition from high school to college

Senior Class Meetings (January)

Group Guidance class which covers:

- Releasing of mid-year grades to colleges
- Scholarships – college, local/community and private
- Individual appointments as needed



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WHAT WE DO:

- Advocate for students.
- Counsel, consult, coordinate & collaborate with students, parents, and staff to support & enhance academic achievement.
- Assist students to develop future plans for academic, career & personal/social areas.