

Evaluation of the Student Development Program

The Florida Department of Education defines a comprehensive counseling and guidance program as one that,

“Sets student standards and competencies to be achieved, contains a body of content, and uses a variety of strategies to deliver this content to all students. It is an integral part of each school’s educational program. The program is evaluated and held accountable for its results, as well as for whether certain functions or activities are in place. Certified school counselors with the support of career specialists, teachers, administrators, students, and parents implement the program. Counseling and guidance programs promote student success through a focus on:

Academic achievement
Personal and social development
Career development
Community involvement.”

(Source: Building Accountability in Counseling and Guidance Programs, A Comprehensive Student Development Program Model. Florida Department of Education CD 926, available June 30, 2003 at: www.firn.edu/doe/workforce/publicat.htm.)

Guidance Counselors believe that evaluation of the Santa Rosa Student Development Program can lead to:

- Improving student outcomes
- Determining strengths and weaknesses in the program
- Improving accountability
- Addressing the items in the Mission Statement
- Determining omissions in the comprehensive planning process
- Determining duplications in the comprehensive planning process
- Validating the worth of the guidance counselor
- Updating plans with emerging issues and trends that are relevant to our students
- Determining effectiveness
- Relieving stress
- Providing public relations/marketing for the guidance program
- Providing a framework for self-improvement and self-evaluation
- Establishing parameters of program activities
- Aligning the program with the Sunshine State Standards
- Increasing the awareness of the need for improving instruction in the classroom
- Planning
- Relating what we do to societal issues
- Practicing time management
- Using technology
- Educating other stakeholders about guidance counselor responsibilities
- Obtaining additional funding

Individual schools and the school district utilize the following list of *existing reports* to evaluate the Student Development Program. Each data resource aligns to specific strands in the Student Development Plan.

School Data	District Data	Applicable Strand
Counseling Referrals to Community Mental Health		Academic Personal/Social
Cumulative Folders		Academic Personal/Social Community Involvement Career Development
Department of Children and Families Statistics by zip code	Department of Children and Families Statistics	Personal/Social
Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Statistics by zip code	Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Statistics	Academic Personal/Social
Drop-out Rate	Drop-out Rate trends	Academic Personal/Social Community Involvement Career Development
ESOL Information		Academic Personal/Social Community Involvement Career Development
Ethnicity		Academic Personal/Social Community Involvement Career Development
Free/Reduced Lunch Rate	Free/Reduced Lunch Rate for District	Academic Personal/Social Community Involvement Career Development
Grade/Progress Reports		Academic Personal/Social
Health Care & 504 Plans	Health Care & 504 Plans	Academic Personal/Social
Health Records from the School Health Technicians	Statistical reports on the School Health Technicians	Academic Personal/Social
Integrated Services Database (ISDB) Alert Reports	District (ISDB) Reports	Academic Personal/Social Community Involvement Career Development
Results of Career Assessments (i.e., DISCOVER, PLAN, Choices, etc.)		Career Development

School Data	District Data	Applicable Strand
Retention Reports		Academic Personal/Social
Scholarship Information		Academic Personal/Social
School Climate Surveys		Academic/Social Personal/Social Community Involvement Career Development
School Improvement Plan		Academic Personal/Social Community Involvement Career Development
School Indicators Report		Academic Personal/Social Community Involvement Career Development
School report of discipline incidents	District report of discipline incidents	Personal/Social Career Development
School-based discipline incident records (not recorded in the student information system)		Personal/Social Career Development
Screening Data		Academic Personal/Social
SESIR Statistics	SESIR – School Environmental Safety Indicators Report	Personal/Social Community Involvement
Social Services Reports		Academic Personal/Social Community Involvement Career Development
Social Work Referrals		Academic Personal/Social
State of Florida Youth Survey	State of Florida Youth Survey	Personal/Social
State/District Testing Data	State Testing Data	Academic Personal/Social
Student Services Referrals		Academic Personal/Social