

Jack Abrams STEM  
Magnet school

GUIDANCE PLAN

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## Introduction

As we continue through the twenty-first century, it is increasingly evident that students require a wider range of counseling services as they face greater societal pressures. Hence, the Guidance Plan was devised for two reasons. The first, to ensure that each student is exposed to age-appropriate activities that surround and support the personal, educational, and career goals for future success; and the second, to assure the educational stakeholders and community residents that academic success is considered for all pupils in the Huntington School District.

The purpose of the school counseling program in a school setting is to promote and enhance the learning process. Our school district families depend on school counselors to serve as valuable human resources, and the Huntington counseling team is committed to helping students achieve their full potential; while helping them to become responsible and independent members of the school and community.

The role of the school counselor has changed drastically over the past thirty years; the responsibilities and tasks assigned have expanded exponentially to meet the needs of our diverse student population. School counselors are not only expected to assist students with scheduling and post-secondary planning (including college advising), but also to facilitate personal/social emotional growth, develop healthy self-concepts, maximize academic potential, engage in career exploration and development, partake in various meetings (team, CSE, and leadership), keep current with educational practices and changes, collaborate with staff and faculty, and network with constituents in the counseling field.

### **According to Commissioner's Regulations 100.2**

#### **j. Guidance programs**

1. Public Schools. Each school district should have a comprehensive developmental school counseling/guidance program, and ensure that all students in K-12 have access to a certified counselor.
  - i. For all grades kindergarten through twelve, district and building level comprehensive developmental school counseling/guidance programs shall prepare students to participate effectively in their current and future educational programs as age appropriate, and be designed to address multiple student competencies including career/college readiness standards, and academic and social/emotional development standards. The comprehensive developmental school counseling/guidance program ("program") shall include the following activities or services:
    - a. In grades kindergarten through five, the program shall be designed by a certified school counselor in coordination with the teaching staff, and any appropriate pupil personnel service providers, for the purpose of preparing students to participate effectively in their current and future educational programs, to provide information related to college and careers, and to assist students who may exhibit challenges to academic success, including but not limited to attendance or behavioral concerns, and where appropriate make a referral to a properly licensed professional and/or certified pupil personnel service provider, as appropriate, for more targeted supports.

- b. For students in grades six through twelve, certified school counselors shall provide an annual individual progress review plan, which shall reflect each student's educational progress and career plans. For a student with disability, the plan shall be consistent with the student's individualized education program:
  - c. School counseling/guidance core curriculum instruction for the purpose of addressing student competencies related to career/college readiness, academic skills and social/emotional development by a certified school counselor(s);
  - d. Other direct student services which may include, but need not be limited to, responsive services, crisis response, group counseling, individual counseling, appraisal, assessment and advisement, for the purpose of enabling students to benefit from the curriculum, assisting students to develop and implement postsecondary education and career plans, assisting students who exhibit attendance, academic, behavioral or adjustment concerns and encouraging parental involvement. Provided that nothing herein shall prohibit certified or licensed school psychologists or certified or licensed school social workers pursuant to Part 80 of the Commissioner's regulations from providing other direct student services within their applicable scope of practice;
  - e. Student services which may include but need not be limited to, referrals to appropriately licensed or certified individuals, consultation, collaboration, leadership, advocacy, and teaming.
- (ii) Each school district shall develop district-wide and building-level comprehensive developmental school counseling/guidance plans which set forth the manner in which the district shall comply with the requirements of this subdivision. In the case of the City School District of the City of New York, the Department of Education shall submit separate plans for each community school district, for the High School Division and for the Special Education Division. Such district and building level plans shall be developed by or under the direction of certified school counselor(s) and be updated annually, available for review at the district offices and each school building, and made available on the district's website.
- (a) Each plan shall be developed annually and shall include program objectives, activities, program development and maintenance planning, school counseling curriculum, professional development planning, evaluation methods based on data analysis of program results and closing the gap analysis reports to inform program improvement, and assessment of the resources necessary to support positive student outcomes.
  - (b) Each plan shall also include the preparation of a program outcomes report that includes an analysis of all systematic components of a comprehensive developmental school counseling/guidance program as defined by this subdivision. Such report shall be annually presented to the board of education, or in the case of the City School District of the City of New York, the Chancellor of the City School District of the City of New York, or to the extent provided by law, the board of education of the City School District of the City of New York.

(iii) Each school district shall establish a comprehensive developmental school counseling/guidance program advisory council to be comprised of representative stakeholders (such as parents, members of the board of education, school building and/or district leaders, community-based service providers, teachers, certified school counselors and other pupil personnel service providers in the district including school social workers and/or school psychologists). In the case of the City School District of the City of New York, the Department of Education shall establish a comprehensive developmental school counseling/guidance program advisory council for each community school district. The advisory council shall meet no less than twice a year for the purpose of reviewing the comprehensive developmental school counseling/guidance program plan and advising on the implementation of the school counseling/guidance program. The advisory council shall create and submit an annual report to the board of education, or in the case of the City School District of the City of New York, the Chancellor of the City School District of the City of New York, or to the extent provided by law, the board of education of the City School District of the City of New York.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize any individual to provide professional services where certification is required under Part 80 of the Commissioner's regulations or where licensure is required under Title VIII of the Education Law.

2. Nonpublic schools. Each nonpublic secondary school shall provide a guidance and counseling program for students in grades 7-12.

### **Learning Standards for Career Development and Occupational Studies**

#### *Standard 1: Career Development*

Students will be knowledgeable about the world of work, explore career options, and relate personal skills, aptitudes, and abilities to future career decisions.

#### *Standard 2: Integrated Learning*

Students will demonstrate how academic knowledge and skills are applied in the workplace and other settings.

#### *Standard 3a: Universal Foundation Skills*

Students will demonstrate mastery of the foundation skills and competencies essential for success in the workplace.

#### *Standard 3b: Career Majors*

Students who choose a career major will acquire the career-specific technical knowledge/skills necessary to progress toward gainful employment, career advancement, and success in post-secondary programs.

## Guidance Department Mission Statement

The mission of the guidance department is to provide all students with a comprehensive, grade level curriculum to develop academic skills, social/emotional well-being, and college/career readiness. The Guidance Department curriculum incorporates an annual individual progress review (IPR) to document student academic growth, goal setting, college and career readiness, and social/emotional development.

## Guidance Programs

The Huntington Board of Education recognizes that guidance programs are an integral part of the total instructional program for all students in all grade levels. Thus, a guidance program is incorporated into the curriculum (for grades K-5) through classroom teachers, social workers, and psychologists to aid students in making informed and responsible decisions in various aspects of their lives. In grades six through twelve, students are provided with direct guidance services and programs through certified New York State school counselors.

The objectives of the guidance department are to assist students to develop into mature self-reflective and understanding individuals who can make sound-decisions; while possessing the necessary core values for productive citizenship. School counseling programs are developed by focusing on the needs and issues related to various stages of student development. The ultimate goal of the school counseling program is to prepare students to meet the demands of college, career, and civic readiness; thereby maximizing post-secondary success in various venues (college, workforce, military, etc.).

The following format follows the suggested outline for implementing the Commissioner's Regulation (CR 100.2), as communicated by the New York State Education Department, Division of Student Development and Family Support Services. The National Standards for School Counseling programs are also referenced throughout this plan.

## New York State Guidance Goals for Grades 4-6

Goal 1: Prepare students to participate effectively in their current and future educational programs.

Goal 2: Help students who exhibit attendance, academic, behavioral or adjustment problems.

Goal 3: Educate students concerning personal safety.

Goal 4: Encourage parental involvement in their children's education.



## Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School Guidance Plan

The Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School is committed to meeting the guidance regulations established by New York State, as well as the National Standards for School Counseling Programs. This plan is designed to assist students in preparing to effectively participate in their current and future educational programs. It is focused on addressing students’ attendance, academic, behavioral or adjustment problems, and strongly encourages parental involvement.

**A. Program Objective:** To enable students to participate effectively in their current and future educational programs.

**B. Target Population:** Grades 4-6

**C. Expected/Measurable Outcome(s):**

1. Students will demonstrate continuous academic achievement as they progress through their elementary school.
2. Grade accomplishments will improve as students promote through the grades.
3. Students will develop appropriate social and emotional skills that will enhance their ability to learn.

**D. Annual Assessment:**

1. Student achievement will be assessed and reported using tri-annual report cards.
2. Pupils receiving remedial instruction will be evaluated through state assessments and teacher evaluation.
3. Students will transition to the next grade level based upon faculty and administrative recommendation(s).

**E. Program Description:**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Target Group</b>	<b>Staff Assigned</b>	<b>Other Resources</b>	<b>Date(s) of Activity</b>
State Assessments	Students in grades 4-6	Classroom Teacher	Principal	Spring
Cognitive Aptitude Test(s) - (the OLSAT exam is used to determine placement in the SEARCH program – enriched curriculum)	4th grade students	Classroom Teacher	Principal Psychologist RTI SEARCH Program Coordinator	Spring
Universal Screening/AIMS Web and quarterly assessments (Report Cards)	Students in grades 4-6	Classroom Teacher	Principal Psychologist	Ongoing
Instructional Support Team Meetings and RTI	Students requiring RTI services in grades 4-6	Instructional Support Team Classroom Teachers Reading Teachers Math RTI Teachers	Principal Pupil Personnel Staff	Ongoing
Robotics Program	Students in grade 4-6	Classroom Teacher	Principal STEM Director	Ongoing

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Target Group</b>	<b>Staff Assigned</b>	<b>Other Resources</b>	<b>Date(s) of Activity</b>
CSE/504 Annual Review	Students with special needs	CSE and 504 Committee Members	Report Cards Testing Results IEP/504 Plans Teacher Feedback	Winter/Spring Ongoing
Individual Counseling	Students of concern	Psychologist School Counselor Social Worker	Director of PPS Director of Guidance Principal Teacher/Parent feedback	As needed
Group Counseling	Identified students	Psychologist School Counselor Social Worker	Director of PPS Director of Guidance	As needed
Individual Progress Review (IPR)	Students in grade 6	School Counselor	Director of Guidance	Ongoing
Sanford Harmony (Social Emotional Learning)	Students in grades 4-6	Principal Faculty members Psychologist Social Worker	Security Monitors Aides	Monthly
Building/PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention Support) Assemblies – monthly meetings focusing on social and emotional learning and the character trait(s) of the month, Homework for the Soul	Students in grades 4-6	Principal Faculty members Psychologist Social Worker	Security Monitors Aides	Monthly
Arts in Education Programs – special programs that are provided for promoting the social and emotional well-being of students	Students in grades 4-6	Principal Psychologist Classroom Teachers	Director of Fine Arts	Ongoing
The Friendship Bench – promotes student interaction, social awareness, and empathy for others	Students in grades 4-6	Social Worker Aides Physical Ed. Teachers	Principal	Ongoing
Student Council – Student representatives meet monthly to offer suggestions on improving school climate	Students in grades 4-6	Principal		Monthly
College and Career Exploration	Students in grades 4-6	Principal Classroom Teachers School Counselor	Director of Guidance College/University Rep.'s	Fall/Spring
Technology Enhancement Initiative: One-to-one Chromebook initiative, hour of code, project-based learning	Students in grades 4-6	Aides Teacher Assistants ENL Teacher Math Teacher Reading Teacher	Principal	Ongoing

**A. Program Objective:** To assist students who exhibit attendance problems.

**B. Target Population:** Grades 4-6

**C. Expected/Measurable Outcome(s):**

1. Students will begin to attend classes regularly as a result of the intervention services provided, and parents will cooperate with the school to ensure the regular attendance of their children.

**D. Annual Assessment:**

1. Improved student attendance will be assessed by daily, monthly, and year-end reports.

**E. Program Description:**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Target Group</b>	<b>Staff Assigned</b>	<b>Other Resources</b>	<b>Date(s) of Activity</b>
Student attendance reporting	Students in grades 4-6	Principal Social Worker	Attendance Secretary Personnel E-school	Daily
Attendance phone calls to parents	Absent students	Attendance Secretary Nurse	Principal Classroom teachers Social Worker Blackboard Connect	Daily
Individual meetings	Identified students	School Counselor	Social Worker Director of Guidance	As needed
Written communication to parent/guardian regarding excessive absences	Students with excessive absences	Principal	Pupil Personnel Staff	As needed
Parent Conferences	Students with excessive absences	Principal School Counselor Social Worker	Pupil Personnel Staff	As needed
Child Protective Services (CPS)	Students with excessive absences	Principal School Counselor Social Worker	Pupil Personnel Staff	As Needed

**A. Program Objective:** To assist students who exhibit academic problems.

**B. Target Population:** Grades 4-6

**C. Expected/Measurable Outcome(s):**

1. Students will improve classroom work and homework.
2. Students' report card grades will improve.

**D. Annual Assessment:**

1. Improvement of students' classroom work and homework will be assessed by classroom teacher.
2. Improvement in report card grades will be noted on trimester report cards.

**E. Program Description:**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Target Group</b>	<b>Staff Assigned</b>	<b>Other Resources</b>	<b>Date(s) of Activity</b>
Parent Teacher Conferences	Students identified as struggling educationally in Grades 4-6	Classroom teachers Reading Support School Counselor Speech Teachers	Principal Psychologist IST, CSE	As needed
Instructional Support Team Meetings/Response To Intervention	Students experiencing major challenges in the classroom environment or as indicated on state mandated exams	Principal Psychologist Classroom Teachers Social Worker Reading Teacher Speech Teacher Math Teacher	Resource Room Teacher, IST, CSE, RTI	Weekly
Student Teacher Conferences	Students exhibiting academic concerns	Classroom Teachers	Principal School Counselor CSE, RTI, IST	As needed
Individual meetings	Identified students	School Counselor	Social Worker Director of Guidance	As needed
Student/Social Worker Conferences	Students exhibiting academic concerns	Social Worker	Principal Psychologist	As needed
Referral to the Committee of Special Education (CSE) for Evaluation	Referred Students	Instructional Support Team Parents	Principal Psychologist School Counselor Social Worker RTI/CSE	As needed
RTI Support Services – Students who are identified through standardized test grades and teacher recommendations.	Identified students	Principal Psychologist Classroom and Reading Teachers	IST, Report Cards, Standardized Test Scores, AIMS Web	Continuous

**A. Program Objective:** To assist students who exhibit behavioral or adjustment problems.

**B. Target Population:** Grades 4-6

**C. Expected/Measurable Outcome(s):**

1. Students will show improvement in behavior.
2. Students will demonstrate improved student adjustment to school.
3. Development of peer relationships.

**D. Annual Assessment:**

1. Improved student behavior will be assessed by the reduction of reported disciplinary problems.
2. Improved student adjustment to school will be noted by the classroom teacher and school staff by observing improved academic performance.
3. Improved peer relationships will be noted by the classroom teacher.

**E. Program Description:**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Target Group</b>	<b>Staff Assigned</b>	<b>Other Resources</b>	<b>Date(s) of Activity</b>
Classroom instruction regarding appropriate school behavior	Students in grades 4-6	Classroom Teachers	Principal Pupil Personnel Staff	Continuous
Student/Teacher Conferences	Students exhibiting behavioral or adjustment problems in grades 4-6	Classroom Teachers Nurse School Psychologist Aide	Principal Pupil Personnel Staff	As needed
Individual meetings	Identified students	School Counselor	Social Worker Director of Guidance	As needed
Teacher/Parent/Principal Conferences	Students exhibiting behavioral or adjustment problems in grades 4-6	Principal Classroom Teachers	Pupil Personnel Staff Student Internalizing Behavior Screening Scale (SIBSS)	As needed
Instructional Support Team (IST)/ School Based Inquiry Team (SBIT)/Response to Intervention (RTI)	Students exhibiting behavioral or adjustment problems in grades 4-6	Principal Classroom Teachers Psychologist	Social Worker Resource Room Teacher Nurse	As needed

**A. Program Objective:** To educate students concerning personal safety.

**B. Target Population:** Grades 4-6

**C. Expected/Measurable Outcome(s):**

1. Students will be able to recognize potentially dangerous situations, including the ability to realize when their personal safety is threatened, and the ability to identify someone with whom they can safely confide their feelings.

**D. Annual Assessment:**

1. Expected outcome will be assessed by classroom teachers' observations of student responses and parental feedback.

**E. Program Description:**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Target Group</b>	<b>Staff Assigned</b>	<b>Other Resources</b>	<b>Date(s) of Activity</b>
Instruction regarding personal safety – fire safety, stranger-danger, bike safety, pool safety, etc.	Students in grades 4-6	Classroom Teachers Physical Education Teachers	Nurse Arts in Education Program Outside Presenters	As needed
Parent notification in the event there potential risk to children's safety	Parents of students in grades 4-6	Principal, PPS Staff	Central Office Admin. Nurse Social Worker Psychologist	As needed
Classroom Visits	Grades 4-6	School Counselor Psychologist Social Worker	Outside Agencies	Fall/Spring
Counseling	Students in grade 4-6	School Counselor Psychologist Social Worker	Director of Guidance Direction of PPS	Ongoing
Ambulance/EMT Visits/Fire Department	Students in grade 4-6	Principal	Local Agencies Nurse	Annual
Health Education Program	Students in grades 4-6	Health Education Teacher Classroom Teachers	Nurse	Ongoing
Fire Prevention Program	Students in grades 4-6	Classroom Teacher	Principal	Annual
Internet Safety/Cyberbullying	Students in grades 4-6	Computer Teacher Assistants Social Worker Psychologist	Principal Local Agencies	Ongoing

**A. Program Objective:** To encourage and increase parental involvement and participation.

**B. Target Population:** Grades 4-6

**C. Expected/Measurable Outcome(s):**

1. Parents and/or guardians will be aware of the educational programs and goals established for their children.
2. There will be evidence of parent initiated contact with teachers and school staff.
3. Parent volunteers will volunteer to assist in classroom and field trips.
4. Attendance at “Back-to-School Night” and other planned activities.
5. Parental involvement in school advisory committees.

**D. Annual Assessment:**

1. Parental awareness and support of programs and goals will be assessed by parental feedback.
2. Parent initiated contact will be assessed by the principal.

**E. Program Description:**

Activity	Target Group	Staff Assigned	Other Resources	Date(s) of Activity
Parent Engagement/Academy Workshops highlighting various areas of the curriculum	Parents of students in grades 4-6	Classroom Teachers Specialty Teachers	Principal District Directors ELA Coordinator	2 times a year
School/Parent communications, report cards, newsletters, and informal communications	Parents of students in grades 4-6	Principal All faculty members	Nurse Pupil personnel staff Website Backpack mail Email Connect Ed Messages	Ongoing
Shared Decision Making Committee	Parents of students in grades 4-6	Principal Select faculty members Site-Based Management Team (SBMT)	Administration Pupil Personnel Staff	Ongoing
Guidance Advisory Meeting	Parents of students in grades 4-6	School counselor Director of Guidance	Principal Pupil Personnel Staff Teachers	Fall/Spring
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Parents of students in grades 4-6	Classroom Teachers	Principal Pupil Personnel Staff	Bi-annual Ongoing
Parent Portal Access/Eschool Data	Parents of students in grades 4-6	Chief Information Officer Principal	Director of Guidance	Ongoing
Meet-the-Teacher Night, Walk-Throughs, and Open Houses	Parents of students in grades 4-6	Principal Classroom Teachers Pupil Personnel Staff Specialty Teachers	Hand-outs	Spring/Fall
Family Nights/Programs –STEM Family Nights, College/Career Exploration, Open House, Technology Night, Family Fitness	Parents of students in grades 4-6	Principal	Parent Teachers Association (PTA) School Counselor	Varies by Building
Book Fair	Parents of students in grades 4-6	Principal	Parent Teachers Association (PTA)	Varies by Building

**A. Program Objective:** To review each child’s educational progress and career plans annually.

**B. Target Population:** Grade 6

**C. Expected/Measurable Outcome(s):**

1. Students will be able to identify their academic abilities and achievement levels.
2. Students will understand the relationship of academics to the world of work in relation to life at home and in the community.
3. Students will be able to explore various careers and learn about the skills needed to be successful.

**D. Annual Assessment:**

1. Review student report cards, progress reports, state assessments, and standardized testing.
2. Monitor and review career assessments performed and logged through individual student portfolios.
3. Feedback received from counselors, parents and teachers.

**E. Program Description:**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Target Group</b>	<b>Staff Assigned</b>	<b>Other Resources</b>	<b>Date(s) of Activity</b>
Academic Reviews – Student performance will be reviewed to identify and monitor interventions for student progress.	Students in grade 6	School Counselor	Principal Assistant Principal Dean	Quarterly
Individual and group counseling	Students in grade 6	School Counselor	Director of Guidance Team Teachers Mental Health Team	Ongoing
Grade Level Evening Event	Students in grade 6	School Counselor	Director of Guidance Principal Assistant Principal	Annual
Career Zone – Career Exploration,	Students in grade 6	School Counselor	Classroom Teachers	Ongoing
Team Meetings	Students in grade 6	School Counselor Classroom Teachers Specialty Teachers	Principal Assistant Principal	Ongoing
Classroom Push-ins	Students in grade 6	School Counselor	Director of Guidance Classroom Teachers	Fall/Spring
Individual Progress Review (IPR)	Students in grade 6	School Counselor	Director of Guidance	Ongoing



**A. Program Objective:** To provide articulation between Jack Abrams STEM and J.T. Finley Middle School.

**B. Target Population:** Grade 6

**C. Expected/Measurable Outcome(s):**

1. Sixth grade students will be able to transition effectively and efficiently into the middle school.
2. Students will be placed accurately and will be appropriately scheduled for seventh grade courses.
3. Students will transition into the middle school with a non-anxiety provoking experience.

**D. Annual Assessment:**

1. Counselor contacts with students will be assessed during individual and group meetings.
2. Teacher feedback will be assessed through guidance and administration feedback.
3. Student adjustment will be noted and observed by the classroom teachers.

**E. Program Description:**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Target Group</b>	<b>Staff Assigned</b>	<b>Other Resources</b>	<b>Date(s) of Activity</b>
Scheduled meetings with the 6 <sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers	Students in grade 6	Classroom Teachers School Counselors	Principal Assistant Principal	May/June
Preparation of programs for elementary school students entering the middle school (6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Guidance Night, Mass Class Assignment, Rising 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student and Parent Orientation, Teaming)	Students in grade 6	Director of Guidance School Counselors Principal	Assistant Principals	Quarterly
Course request confirmations	Students in grade 6	Director of Guidance School Counselors	Course Selection Sheets and program verification forms	May
Welcoming Counseling Sessions	Students in grade 6	School Counselors	Principal Assistant Principal Director of Guidance	June
Sixth Grade Orientation	Students and parents in grade 6	Director of Guidance School Counselors Principal	Teachers	Winter