

The Arlington School Board will make student services available to all students in the Arlington Public Schools. Student services include the services of school counselors, psychologists, and social workers. Although each of the above listed disciplines has unique responsibilities, they share the responsibility of promoting personal adjustment and the social/emotional growth of students. They assist students in taking maximum advantage of the educational opportunities available to them by providing direct services to students and by working cooperatively with parents, teachers and community agencies on behalf of students.

The Arlington School Board affirms the importance of parental participation and timely communication between school and the home in the delivery of an effective program of student services. Parents will be notified annually of the academic, social/emotional and career counseling options that are available within the school for their child. Parents/guardians will be advised concerning the counseling program including: the purpose, general description of the programs, how parents may review materials to be used in the programs, and procedures by which parents/guardians may limit students' participation in the program.

Students are not required to participate in any personal/social counseling program to which parents object; however, in the course of their professional duties student services staff may be required to deliver crisis intervention services to students without parental consent.

More information regarding the services performed by student services staff and contact information for student services staff can be found at <https://www.apsva.us/student-services/>.

### **References**

School Board Policy I-10.31 Counseling Crisis Management  
Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §22.1-209.1 and §22.1-253.13:2(D)  
Regulation of the Virginia State Board of Education. Revised 1996, (Regulations Regarding School Guidance and Counseling Programs in the Public Schools of Virginia)  
*Standards of Quality for Public Schools in Virginia (current)*  
*Standards of Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia (current)*

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