

## West Perry School District Student Services Plan



Student Services are an integral part of the instructional program at all levels of the school system. Policies guiding the West Perry School District's Student Services K-12 program are designed to ensure that students receive the necessary support to achieve their academic, behavioral, health, personal, and social development goals. The policies and documents outlined in this plan guide the implementation of West Perry School District's K-12 Student Services Program.

**Guidance Counseling** - West Perry School District's School Counseling Program K-12 is outlined in WPSD Policy 112 and detailed in the West Perry School District Chapter 339 Comprehensive School Counseling Plan. The plan outlines programming to assist our students in meeting their full potential success in the areas of career, academic, and social/emotional development. Partnering with students, parents, administration, business leaders, and postsecondary representatives, counselors develop and support programs that make full use of school, home, and community resources, guaranteeing equity of access to all students.

Policy 112: <http://go.boarddocs.com/pa/wper/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=9WT5M810E0B1>  
[K-12 Guidance Plan 2018-2025](http://go.boarddocs.com/pa/wper/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=9WT5M810E0B1)

The district's K-12 Guidance Plan is currently being revised for PDE approval by March 2025.

**School Psychologists** - The West Perry School District employs school psychologists to provide the services outlined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education: "The school psychologist provides consultation, support, and direct assessment of academic achievement and behavioral health within the school environment. A school psychologist is responsible for conducting psychological, academic and behavioral assessments in the diagnosis and identification of diverse learners and their needs according to PA Code. The school psychologist serves as a member of the school team to support a safe and positive school climate, promote and provide behavioral and mental health services, and coordinate care with private agencies" (PDE CSPG 81 – School Psychologist PK-12).

**Health Services** - West Perry School District employs nursing staff to provide services at each of our five buildings. Currently, the district has three Certified School Nurses and two Licensed Practical Nurses. Our nurses maintain student health records, administer medications, conduct state-mandated health screenings, and respond to illnesses and accidents throughout the school day.

Health Examinations and Screenings - Policy 209:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/pa/wper/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BSCKHQ51EF52>

Use of Medications - Policy 210:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/pa/wper/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=B7LVFC8083A5>

Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia - Policy 227

<https://go.boarddocs.com/pa/wper/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CD2RB66C5C4B>

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Naloxone - Policy 823:

<https://go.boarddocs.com/pa/wper/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AY24ZN6AB23F>

**Food Services** - The district recognizes that students require adequate, nourishing food and beverages in order to grow, learn and maintain good health. Food Services guidelines are outlined in Policy 808.

Policy 808: <http://go.boarddocs.com/pa/wper/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BF9S5L680AF9>

**Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care, and Other Educational Instability** - The district recognizes the challenges encountered by students experiencing homelessness, foster care and other educational instability and is committed to facilitating the immediate enrollment; eliminating barriers to the attendance, education and graduation; and providing additional supports in compliance with federal and state laws, regulations and Board policy, for such students.

The district's Attendance Liaison serves as the district's Homeless Liaison. The district's Coordinator of Student Services serves as the Foster Care Point of Contact. Policy 251 outlines guidelines to support students experiencing educational instability.

Policy 251: <http://go.boarddocs.com/pa/wper/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CV5R596AE1F0>

**Special Education** - The district offers each student with a disability education programs and services that appropriately meet the student's needs for educational, instructional, transitional and related services. A student who requires special education receives programs and services according to an Individualized Education Program (IEP). The IEP shall provide access to the district's general curriculum and participation in state and local assessments, including supplemental aids and services that permit the student to be educated, to the maximum extent appropriate, with their nondisabled peers.

Special Education Plan:

[https://cdnsm5-ss13.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_76294/File/District/Student%20Services/Special%20Education/Special%20Education%20Plan/Special%20Education%20Plan%20-%202023%20-%202026.pdf](https://cdnsm5-ss13.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_76294/File/District/Student%20Services/Special%20Education/Special%20Education%20Plan/Special%20Education%20Plan%20-%202023%20-%202026.pdf)

Policy 113: <http://go.boarddocs.com/pa/wper/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=9WT5MA10E3CA>

**Gifted Education** - The district provides gifted education services and programs to meet the individual educational needs of identified students. Gifted Support services for qualifying students are outlined in a Gifted Individualized Education Plan (GIEP).

[Gifted Education Plan](#)

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**Non-Discrimination - Qualified Students with Disabilities** - The district ensures that all district programs and practices are free from discrimination against all qualified students with disabilities. Qualified Students with a Disability are provided with a Section 504 Service Agreement which sets forth the specific related aids, services, or accommodations needed by the student.

Policy 103.1: <http://go.boarddocs.com/pa/wper/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=B95NLG5E0531>

**Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners** - The district provides a Language Instruction Education Program (LIEP) that meets the needs of English Learners. EL students are identified, assessed and provided appropriate instruction in accordance with the LIEP and are provided equitable opportunity to achieve their maximum potential in educational programs and extracurricular activities.

Policy 138: <http://go.boarddocs.com/pa/wper/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=B5DN8N5EAF73>

### **Additional Support Services**

Pre-Kindergarten - As a recipient of the Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts Grant, the district operates pre-kindergarten classrooms in each of its elementary schools. Classes of approximately seventeen students are led by a teacher and paraprofessional. Students attend for 5.5 hours per day for 180 days each year. The curriculum is designed to meet the needs, interests, and developmental readiness of all children. Lessons are designed around themes in a caring, nurturing, and fun environment. The application process begins in the spring with priority given to students based on family income and other risk factors.

Child & Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP) - Cumberland-Perry Mental Health/Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (MH-IDD) provides a CASSP Coordinator to support our elementary schools. CASSP is designed to bring together professionals from all of the child-serving agencies in Cumberland and Perry County to assist with treatment planning and service delivery to children who are experiencing difficulty in any of several developmental areas.

Laurel Life School-Based Counseling - The district contracts with Laurel Life Services (Folium, Inc.) to provide school-based counseling services to students in the district. Currently, one full-time therapist provides services to students in four of our schools. Additionally, a part-time therapist supports the fifth school.

Student Assistance Program - A Student Assistance Program is offered in each of our five schools. The Student Assistance Program is designed to assist in mobilizing school resources to remove barriers to

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learning and to assist in identifying issues including alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and mental health issues which pose a barrier to a student's success.

Policy 236: <http://go.boarddocs.com/pa/wper/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=9WT5WH123CAD>

Care Solace - The district currently contracts with Care Solace to assist in securing mental health services for students and their families. Care Solace is not a mental health services provider, but they connect program users to providers in our area or providers who offer services virtually.