

Swallow School District Guidance Program Update for the 2021-22 School Year!

Swallow strives to provide students with a comprehensive, developmentally appropriate Guidance Program which supports both the social and emotional development and academic and career planning needs of all students. With this programmatic goal and the District's Strategic Plan, the following plan was approved by the Swallow School Board in March to deepen the impact of Guidance programming while taking bold next steps to advance the achievement of District Action Plans and directly benefit students.

Elementary Guidance Program

The new program outlined below makes Guidance the priority it should be for a well-rounded educational experience for Swallow students while leveraging cross-curricular collaboration to make meaning for students in their social and emotional development as they approach academic and career planning. Students will have Guidance weekly for 30 minutes the duration of the school year with the counselor planning with grade level teachers to ensure relevant social and emotional learning units of study and exploration of academic and career planning. Both areas of focus would be rooted in cross-curricular lessons tied to science, math and/or social studies units already taught within each grade level which would include an element of learning from/with others across the world and a transformative experience through an annual service-learning project at each grade level.

Grade Level	Career Cluster Focus (Selected from the 16 Career Clusters based on Current Grade Level Curriculum)*
4K	What is a job?
5K	Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources; Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
1st	Hospitality & Tourism; Transportation, Distribution & Logistics
2nd	Business, Management & Administration; Education & Training; Human Services
3rd	Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications; Finance; Marketing, Sales & Service
4th	Architecture & Construction; Government & Public Administration; Manufacturing
5th	Health Science; Information Technology; Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

Middle School Guidance Program

The middle school program builds on the elementary experience and continues the dual focus on social and emotional development and academic and career planning. This is accomplished through two means: adding in a trimester of Guidance for all Middle School students each year and additional more in-depth academic and career planning experiences during Early Release Days.

The trimester of Guidance, which equates to about 55 days of face-to-face instruction, would be during one of the two elective periods within the middle school schedule. This would allow for a mix of social emotional programming and learning more about careers and academic planning. This would pave the way for the more in-depth experiences planned for Early Release days. This would include guest speakers, field trips and/or other service learning opportunities.