

## TANTASQUA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

### PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Tantasqua Regional High School is a learning community that presents students with numerous *pathways to success*. Our school provides students of different interests, abilities, and goals with a variety of meaningful and challenging opportunities for achievement. These opportunities foster life-long learning through academic, career, and personal growth. Tantasqua enables students to develop a sense of citizenship and to act responsibly within the school community and within our multi-cultural world.

### GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy of the Tantasqua Guidance Department is to promote respect for the individual and his or her uniqueness. The proactive, comprehensive and developmental counseling and guidance program assists all students in striving to achieve their potential and in realizing their personal, social, educational and career development.

Tantasqua's counseling program is a vital part of the educational process that helps students recognize their needs, interests, abilities and goals.

Counseling professionals work in partnership with students, parents/guardians and staff to establish a safe and nurturing environment in which students are able to learn. A trusting relationship is encouraged between counselor and counselee.

### AFFILIATIONS

The Guidance Department has memberships in the following professional organizations:

ACA	American Counseling Association
ASCA	American School Counselor Association
NEACAC	New England Association for College Admission Counseling
NASW	National Association of Social Workers
MASCA	Massachusetts School Counselor Association
WMPGA	Western Massachusetts Personnel and Guidance Association The College Board

## HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Mr. Stephen R. McGuiness	Director
Mrs. Audrey M. Coonan	Counselor
Mr. William A. Dado	Counselor
Mr. Chris Hinckley	Counselor
Mrs. Natalie Jangl	Social Worker
Mrs. Nancy F. Sawyer	School-to-Career Counselor
Ms. Kendra Scaletta	Counselor
Mrs. Deb Blom	Administrative Assistant

### GUIDANCE COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS

As indicated below, guidance counselors are assigned students alphabetically for four years.

#### Student's last name

#### Counselor

#### Academic Division Grades 9-12

A - B, O, X - Z	Mr. McGuiness
C - G	Mrs. Coonan
H - N	Ms. Scaletta
P - W	Mr. Hinckley

#### Technical Division Grades 9-12

A - Z	Mr. Dado
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## THE GUIDANCE COUNSELORS...

- counsel students on an individual and group basis.
- assist students in developing the ability to make decisions regarding personal, social, academic and career issues.
- broaden educational and career options for students.
- assist students with the college search and application process.
- assist students with course selection and scheduling.
- monitor student progress.
- maintain student records.
- administer standardized tests and college entrance testing.
- provide updated financial aid and scholarship information.
- facilitate the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse process.
- assist in the development of individual student plans.
- identify pre-referral intervention strategies for students.
- participate in student evaluations and annual team meetings.
- promote communication with and serve as a resource for students, parents/guardians and staff.
- promote internships and/or work-study opportunities for students.
- collaborate with outside professional agencies and community resources.
- make referrals for personal or educational support.
- file mandated reports.
- offer orientation programs for incoming students.
- educate and promote compliance with the anti-harassment policy.

## TESTING PROGRAMS AT TANTASQUA

### FRESHMAN YEAR

- Career Interest Survey - a career assessment
- Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) - a state mandated test

### SOPHOMORE YEAR

- Career Planning Survey - a career assessment
- Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) - Practice for the SAT Reasoning Test
- SAT Subject Tests - a college entrance test
- Advanced Placement Examinations (AP) - a college level test
- Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) - a state mandated test

### JUNIOR YEAR

- PSAT/NMSQT - a practice for the SAT Reasoning Test and National Merit scholarship Qualifying Test
- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) - a military entrance exam
- MCAS Retest - a state mandated test
- SAT Reasoning Test - a college entrance test
- SAT Subject Tests
- American College Test (ACT) - a college entrance test
- AP Examinations

### SENIOR YEAR

- MCAS Retest
- ASVAB
- SAT Reasoning Test
- SAT Subject Tests
- ACT
- AP Examinations

## COUNSELING SERVICES

**PERSONAL COUNSELING** - Growth and development, crisis intervention, interpersonal relations, student advocacy

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES** - Academic monitoring, course selection and credit review, post high school planning, vocational assessment, college representative visits, computerized college search program

**CAREER SERVICES** - Aptitude and interest surveys, internships, job shadowing opportunities, guest speakers, cooperative work experiences, computerized career search program, career information sessions

**APPRAISAL/ASSESSMENT** - Standardized achievement testing, state mandated testing, college entrance testing

### **CONSULTATION/REFERRAL** -

Parent/guardian/staff consultations, student, teacher, parent/guardian conferences; pre-referral to other school services, referrals to outside agencies

### **INFORMATION SERVICES** -

Student/parent/guardian educational programs and workshops, orientation programs, daily bulletins

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES** - Department meetings, faculty/staff meetings, staff professional growth activities, professional association memberships

### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

The Tantasqua Regional School District ensures equal educational opportunity in all its programs and activities. All programs, services, courses of study, and co-curricular activities are offered without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or homelessness in compliance with federal and state law. Any student or parent having a question, concern, or complaint is invited to contact the school principal or equal opportunity coordinator.

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