The purpose of the school counseling program is to impart skills and facilitate learning opportunities in an active and preventive manner that ensures all students can achieve school success through academic, career, and personal/social development experiences. School counselors coordinate the objectives, strategies, and activities of a comprehensive and developmental school counseling program to meet the personal, social, educational, and career development needs of all students. This program establishes goals, expectations, support systems and experiences for all students.

The Barrington High School Guidance Program accomplishes the following objectives:

- Establishes the school counseling program as an integral component of the mission of our school
- Ensures equitable access to school counseling services for all students provided by a credentialed school counselor
- Identifies the attitudes, knowledge, and skills that all students should acquire as a result of our 9-12 counseling program
- Ensures that our school counseling program is comprehensive in design and delivered in a systematic fashion to all students

The following standards are incorporated in the BHS Counseling Program:

**Academic Development**
- Students will acquire the attitudes, knowledge, and skills that contribute to effective learning in school and across their life span.
- Students will complete school with the academic preparation essential to choose from a wide variety of substantial postsecondary options including college.
- Students will understand the relationship of academics to the work, and to life at home and in the community.

**Career Development**
- Students will acquire the skills to investigate the world of work in relation to knowledge of self and to make informed career decisions.
- Students will employ strategies to achieve future career success and satisfaction.
- Students will understand the relationship between personal qualities, education and training, and the world of work.

**Personal and Social Development**
- Students will acquire the attitudes, knowledge, and interpersonal skills to help them understand and respect self and others.
- Students will make decisions, set goals, and take appropriate action to achieve goals.
- Students will understand safety and survival skills.

The model for program delivery lies in individual and group counseling, large and small-group guidance, consultation, case management, and coordination of services.
This school counseling program is based on national standards and it necessitates the involvement of the entire school community to integrate academic, career and personal/social development of students. The measurable success resulting from this program can be documented by an increased number of students completing school with the academic preparation, the career awareness, and personal/social growth essential to choose from a wide range of substantial postsecondary options, including college as well as successfully contribute to society.