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Option students are enrolled in school, and therefore will be assured guidance and counseling services that are provided in the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) Policy 2315.

“This policy sets the requirements for K-12 comprehensive developmental guidance and counseling for schools in West Virginia that reflect the American School Counselor Association National Standards for School Counseling Programs model.”

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The role of the school counselor should include but is not limited to the following:

- Records for Option Pathway students will be maintained by each participating LEA/SEA/GEA/MCA and will meet all criteria for student records. Record maintenance and usage will be in compliance with the Family Education Rights to Privacy Act (FERPA).
- The school or CTE counselor (where applicable) will be a member of the Option Team.
- This certified counselor will access past performance records and any observations to help determine the recommendations.
- The counselor or a team member will be present in the meeting with the Option candidate and parent/guardian.
- Counseling will be available throughout participation in the Option Pathway.
- WVEIS records must be maintained by the counselor or other assigned designee for all Option students.