

## Instruction

### GUIDANCE/COUNSELING SERVICES

The Governing Board recognizes that a comprehensive counseling program can help promote academic achievement and serve the diverse needs of all district students. Counseling staff shall be available to meet with students to discuss academic, social, or personal difficulties, as well as other issues that may impact student learning.

#### **Supplemental School Counseling Program for Students in Grades 7-8**

The Board-adopted supplemental school counseling program for students in grades 7-8 shall be delivered by personnel who hold a valid pupil personnel services credential. The district's program shall provide for: (Education Code 52378)

1. An individualized review of academic and department records.
2. An individualized review of the career goals of students, and the available academic and career technical education opportunities and community and workplace experiences available to students to support their goals.
3. An opportunity for a counselor to meet with students and, if practicable the parent/guardian, to discuss available educational and career technical options.
4. Specialized counseling services for students identified as at risk.

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

#### **Personal Counseling**

Counseling staff shall identify and work with students whose personal problems may prevent them from reaching their potential. As appropriate, students shall be informed about agencies that offer qualified professional assistance with substance abuse, physical or emotional problems, or other personal problems.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 5113.1 - Truancy)

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)  
(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)  
(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)  
(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

Counselors shall respect student confidentiality as appropriate and shall consult with the Superintendent or designee or with the district's legal counsel whenever unsure of how to respond to a student's personal problem. Parent/guardian consultation and consent shall be obtained as appropriate.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)  
(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

### **Crisis Counseling**

The Board recognizes the need for a prompt and effective response when students are confronted with a traumatic incident. School counselors shall assist in the development of the comprehensive school safety plan, emergency and disaster preparedness plan, and other prevention and intervention practices designed to assist students before and after a crisis.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)  
(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall identify crisis counseling resources to train district staff in appropriate response techniques and/or to directly help students cope with such crises if they occur.

Early identification and intervention plans shall be developed to help identify those students who may be at risk for violence so that support may be provided before they engage in violent or disruptive behavior.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)  
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)  
(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)

### **Legal Reference:**

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

221.5 Prohibited sex discrimination  
37254 Supplemental instruction based on failure to pass exit exam by end of grade 12  
41505-41508 Pupil Retention Block Grant  
48431 Establishing and maintaining high school guidance and placement program  
49600-49604 Educational counseling  
51250 School age military dependents  
51513 Personal beliefs  
52378-52380 Supplemental School Counseling Program

REPEALED EDUCATION CODE FOR CATEGORICAL PROGRAMS  
48431.6 Tenth grade counseling program

PENAL CODE  
11166-11170 Reporting known or suspected cases of child abuse

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5  
4930-4931 Counseling

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 10  
503 Military recruiter access to directory information

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20  
1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act  
7908 Armed forces recruiter access to students and student recruiting information

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34  
99.1-99.67 Family educational rights and privacy

**Management Resources:**

WEB SITES

American School Counseling Association: <http://www.schoolcounselor.org>

California Association of School Counselors: <http://www.schoolcounselor-ca.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, access to military recruiters:

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpc/hottopics/ht10-09-02.html>

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