

GUIDANCE SERVICES

The Governing Board shall provide a counseling program to enhance academic achievement and emotional security. The Board recognizes that some students are in greater need of guidance than others. The counseling program shall serve students' diverse needs and shall encourage productive learning experiences by being an integral part of the total program of instruction.

Academic counseling shall help students establish immediate and long-range educational plans consistent with their individual needs, abilities, interests and aptitudes. Insofar as possible, parents/guardians shall be included when making these plans, and student placement shall not be limited by past grades and test systematically channeled into vocational or special education.

Counseling staff shall help students to plan for the future, become aware of their career potential, understand the business world and develop realistic perceptions of work. Academic planning for higher education shall include information about courses needed for admission to colleges and universities, standardized admission tests, financial aid, and scholarships.

The guidance program shall attempt to provide for each student a sense of belonging, self-respect, emotional security, achievement, recognition, and develop an appreciation and understanding of the world by providing a classroom and school environment in which effective learning and good behavior takes place.

The guidance program shall provide a positive program of correction and prevention of antisocial behavior of students. It shall aim to provide a sense of responsibility and self-respect in students.

Counselors shall make every effort to 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. Parental consultation and consent shall be obtained as appropriate.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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48431

Prohibited Sex Discrimination

Establishment and maintenance of guidance, placement and follow-up program (high school district)

GUIDANCE SERVICES (Continued)

48431.6	Academic progress and counseling review program
49600	Educational counseling: included services
49602	Confidentiality of pupil information
51513	Personal beliefs

PENAL CODE

11166-11170	Reporting known or suspected cases of child abuse
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WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

4343-4352	Primary Intervention Program
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STATUTES OTHER THAN CODE

Ch. 487, Statutes of 1991

Management Resources:

CDE LEGAL ADVISORY

0328.90	Duties and Liabilities of School Counselors, LO: 2-90
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