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
  - 40: Prohibited Sex Discrimination
  - 48431: Establishment and maintenance of guidance, placement and follow-up program (high school district)

TUSD Adopted: 9/23/97
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

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE
4343-4352 Primary Intervention Program

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