

GUIDANCE SERVICES**A. Scope and Purpose**

Students identified as having difficulty meeting high school graduation requirements have first priority to these counseling services. (Education Code 48431.6)

B. General

The district shall not use any statewide assessment for the purpose of assigning or counseling a student into a separate sequence of courses that limit the student's options with regard to college preparation, technical preparation, or any other career path than the student selects. (Education Code 60604.9).

In exploring the possibility of careers and courses leading to such careers, counselors should be careful not to differentiate career, vocational, or higher education opportunities on the basis of the sex of the student counseled. (Education Code 40).

C. Forms and Additional References

None

D. Procedures

1. Beginning with the seventh grade, parents/guardians shall be notified at least once before career counseling and course selection so that they may participate in the counseling sessions and decisions. (Education Code 40).
2. A special program shall provide counseling for students in tenth grade or 16 years of age, whichever comes first, concerning options available during the last two years of high school. After reviewing individual students' academic and department records, counselors shall meet with each student to explain the student's record, the educational options available to the student, the academic progress required for graduation from high school, and the effect of such academic work upon the student's options for higher education and employment. When feasible, the student's parents/guardians shall attend this meeting. Options discussed shall include regional occupational centers and programs, continuation schools, academic programs, and any other alternatives available to our students.
3. Students identified as having difficulty meeting high school graduation requirements have first priority to these counseling services. (Education Code 48431.6).

GUIDANCE SERVICES (Continued)

E. Reports Required

10th grade counseling log

F. Report Retention

None

G. Responsible Administrative Unit

Educational Services

Student Services

School Counselors

H. Approved by Administration of Division

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services