

Salinas City Elementary School District

Instruction

Regulation #6164.2

COUNSELING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

There are times when the need for counseling or support services may go beyond the routine nature of a student's school life and call for professional counseling support. Professional counseling or support occurs when students participate either individually or in groups with counseling or support personnel (Credentialed or classified, employees or contracted individuals, agencies). It is expected that employees or contracted individuals, agencies are either licensed, credentialed and/or specifically trained to provide the counseling or support services. To be designated a school psychologist, social worker or counselor, the provider must have the appropriate PPS Credential or State of California License. To be designated a support service provider, the individual must be appropriately trained and supervised. These counseling or support services are different than the normal interaction that the classroom teacher has with their particular students or that the administrator/designee has in dealing with students.

- School Psychologists, Social Workers, Counselors or support personnel are responsible for following all applicable laws, rules, and regulations that pertain to child abuse and neglect reporting requirements.
- The highest standard of professional counseling or support is expected.
- School Psychologists, Social Workers, Counselors and support personnel are responsible to their direct supervisor and/or the site administrator/designee.
- The administrative supervisor shall insure that the parent(s)/guardian(s) are informed of the need and availability of counseling or support services and insure that written consent is secured prior to individual or small group counseling or support services being provided.
- Negative permission forms (allows parents/guardians to deny or reject offered services) will be used when entire classroom social/emotional skill programs are offered.
- Written consent shall include the name, title and credential or license status of the School Psychologist, Social Worker, Counselor or support service provider and their work telephone number. For those trainees who are not fully credentialed or licensed, the parent permission form will also include the name, title, credential or license status and work telephone number of their supervisor.
- Parent permission for counseling or support services will be in effect for no longer than the remainder of the current school year in which it was obtained.

Crisis Counseling

In the event of a traumatic incident or emergency that effects a classroom or school site, the Superintendent or designee shall identify crisis counseling resources which may be called upon either to train district staff in appropriate response techniques or to directly help students cope with such tragedies when they occur.