

GUIDANCE SERVICES

The Governing Board through its professional guidance counselors, academic advisors, and other professional support staff shall provide a counseling program for students 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.

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 scores. Minority, disadvantaged, low-income and other students shall not be automatically or systematically channeled into vocational or special education.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

Counseling staff shall help students 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.

Counselors shall identify and work with those students whose personal problems may prevent them from functioning to their potential. To promote learning and good behavior, staff shall provide positive correction and seek to enhance the student's sense of responsibility and self-esteem.

Counselors shall make every effort to respect student confidentiality as appropriate and shall consult with the Superintendent or designee whenever unsure of how to respond to a student's personal problem. Parental consultation and consent shall be obtained as appropriate.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse and Neglect)

(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)

(cf. 5145.1 - Privacy)

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Study Teams)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

GUIDANCE SERVICES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

221.5 *Prohibited Sex Discrimination*

48431 *Establishment and maintenance of guidance, placement, and follow-up program (high school district)*

48431.6 *Academic progress and counseling review program*

49600 *Educational counseling: included services*

49602 *Confidentiality of pupil information*

51513 *Personal beliefs*

60607 *Individual record of accomplishment; placement or tracking of pupils*

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

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