

Sacramento City USD

Board Policy

Guidance/Counseling Services

BP 6164.2

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that a comprehensive counseling program can help promote academic achievement and serve the diverse needs of all district students. Counseling staff shall be available to meet with students to discuss academic, social, or personal difficulties, as well as other issues that may impact student learning.

Academic Counseling

The district's academic counseling program shall help students establish immediate and long-range educational plans, achieve academic standards, prepare for the high school exit examination and complete the required curriculum in accordance with their individual needs, abilities and interests. Insofar as possible, parents/guardians shall be included when making educational plans.

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

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Counseling staff shall help students to plan for the future and become aware of their career goal. Academic planning for higher education shall include information about courses needed for admission to colleges and universities, standardized admission tests, financial aid, and scholarships.

(cf. 6030 - Integrated Academic and Vocational Instruction)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.1- High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and maintain a program of guidance, placement, and follow-up for all district students subject to compulsory continuation education. (Education Code 48431)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

*Colleges and *prospective employers, including *military recruiters, shall have the same access to students for recruiting purposes. (20 USC 7908; 10 USC 503; Education Code 49603)

(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

Supplemental School Counseling Program for Students in Grades 7-12

The Board has adopted the Supplemental School Counseling Program in order to provide supplemental counseling services to all students in grades 7-12 to be delivered by personnel who hold a valid pupil personnel services credentials. In accordance with law and as specified in administrative regulation, the district's program shall provide for an individualized review of student records, an opportunity for a counselor to meet with **students to discuss educational and vocational options, and specialized counseling services for students identified as at risk of not passing the high school exit examination.

(cf. 6146.2 - High School Exit Examination)

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

Personal Counseling

Counseling staff also shall identify and work with students whose personal problems may prevent them from reaching their goal. As appropriate, students shall be informed about agencies that offer qualified professional assistance.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 5113.1 - Truancy)

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Reporting Procedures)

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)

Counselors shall 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.

(cf. 5145.1 - Privacy)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Crisis Counseling

The Board recognizes the need for a prompt and effective response when students are confronted

with a traumatic incident. School counselors shall assist in the development of the comprehensive school safety plan, emergency and disaster preparedness plan, and other prevention and intervention practices designed to assist students before and after a crisis.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall identify crisis counseling resources to train district staff in appropriate response techniques and/or to directly help students cope with such crises if they occur.

Early identification and intervention plans shall be developed to help identify those students who may be at risk for violence so that support may be provided before they engage in violent or disruptive behavior.

(cf. 5136 - Gangs)

(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)

*Parents may request in writing to the school's principal to withhold their child's name from colleges, prospective employers and military recruiters.

**SCUSD strongly encourages parent participation.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

221.5 Prohibited sex discrimination

41505-41508 Pupil Retention Block Grant

48431 Establishing and maintaining high school guidance and placement program

49600-49604 Educational counseling

51250 School age military dependents

51513 Personal beliefs

52378-52380 Supplemental School Counseling Program

REPEALED EDUCATION CODE FOR CATEGORICAL PROGRAMS

48431.6 Tenth grade counseling program

PENAL CODE

11166-11170 Reporting known or suspected cases of child abuse

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4930-4931 Counseling

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 10

503 Military recruiter access to directory information

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

7908 Armed forces recruiter access to students and student recruiting information

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.67 Family educational rights and privacy

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

American School Counseling Association: <http://www.schoolcounselor.org>

California Association of School Counselors: <http://www.schoolcounselor-ca.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Access to military recruiters:

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/hottopics/ht10-09-02.html>

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