

GUIDANCE/COUNSELING SERVICES

The Board of Trustees desires that the district's counseling program promote academic achievement, serve the diverse needs of district students and, to the extent possible, focus on prevention and early intervention. Students shall be encouraged to arrange a meeting with counseling staff whenever they desire to discuss academic, social or personal problems.

Personal Counseling

Counseling staff also shall identify and work with students whose personal problems may prevent them from functioning up to their potential. As appropriate, students shall be informed about agencies that offer qualified professional assistance with chemical dependency, physical or emotional problems, or other personal problems.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Reporting Procedures)

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Study 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)

Crisis Counseling

The Board recognizes the need for a prompt and effective response when students are confronted with a traumatic incident. 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.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

(cf. 5136 - Gangs)

(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

221.5 Prohibited sex discrimination

48431 Establishing and maintaining high school guidance and placement program

48431.6 Academic progress and counseling review program

49600-49604 Educational counseling, especially:

51513 Personal beliefs

PENAL CODE

11166-11170 Reporting known or suspected cases of child abuse

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4930-4931 Counseling

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

7908 Armed forces recruiter access to students and student recruiting information

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 10

503 Military recruiter access to directory information

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

United States Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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

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