#### Instruction

## Guidance/Counseling Services

The Board of Education 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 and Career 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.

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

# **Supplemental School Counseling Program for Students in Grades 7-12**

The Board-adopted supplemental school counseling program for students in grades 7-12 shall be delivered by personnel who hold a valid pupil personnel services credential. The District's program shall provide for: (Education Code 52378)

- 1. An individualized review of academic and deportment records
- 2. An individualized review of the career goals of students, and the available academic and career technical education opportunities and community and workplace experiences available to students to support their goals
- 3. An opportunity for a counselor to meet with students and, if practicable the parent/guardian, to discuss available educational and career technical options
- 4. Specialized counseling services for students identified as at risk

## **Personal Counseling**

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. Parent/guardian consultation and consent shall be obtained as appropriate.

# Legal Reference:

### **EDUCATION CODE**

221.5 Prohibited sex discrimination

37254 Supplemental instruction based on failure to pass exit exam by end of grade 12

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

PENAL CODE

11166-11170 Reporting known or suspected cases of child abuse

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4930-4931 Counseling

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