

Instruction

GUIDANCE/COUNSELING SERVICES

Supplemental School Counseling Program for Students in Grades 7- 8

The Superintendent or designee shall identify students in grades 7

1. Who are at risk of not graduating with the rest of their class
2. Are not earning credits at a rate that will enable them to pass the 8<sup>th</sup> grade

The District shall provide the following services:

1. For students in grade 7 who are deemed to be at the far below basic level in English language arts or mathematics pursuant to the California Standards Test administered in grade 6, the District shall provide a list of coursework and experience necessary to assist them to successfully transition to high school and pass the high school exit examination.

A copy of the list of coursework and experience shall be provided to the student and his/her parent/guardian. The list shall also be included in the student's cumulative record.

2. Individual Conference: For students in grade 7 who have been provided the list of coursework and experience detailed in item #1 above, the District shall offer and schedule an individual conference with each student, his/her parent/guardian, and a school counselor. The conference shall occur before January of that year in which the student is in grade 7. During the conference, the counselor shall apprise the student and his/parent guardian of the following as appropriate: (Education Code 53278)
  - c. Available programs, courses, and career technical education options needed for satisfactory completion of middle school
  - d. The student's cumulative records and transcripts
  - e. The student's performance on standardized and diagnostic assessments
  - f. Available remediation strategies
  - g. Information about postsecondary education and training
  - h. As applicable, the student's score on the English language arts or mathematics portion of the California Standards Test administered in grade 6

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Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall annually submit reports to the California Department of Education describing the number and percentage of students receiving various program services.

Beginning with grade 7, parents/guardians shall be notified and encouraged to participate in the counseling sessions and decisions.

Nondiscrimination

No counselor shall unlawfully discriminate against any student. In addition, when exploring the possibility of careers and courses leading to such careers, counseling staff shall not differentiate career, vocational, or higher education opportunities on the basis of the sex of the student.

For appraising or counseling students, the District shall not use testing or other materials that permit or require impermissible or unlawful differential treatment of students.