

GUIDANCE/COUNSELING SERVICES

Supplemental School Counseling Program for Students in Grades 9-12

A counselor shall review the academic and deportment record of each student in grades 9-12. The counselor shall also provide for an individualized review of each student's career goals and the available academic and career technical education opportunities and community and workplace experiences available that may support the pursuit of those goals. In addition, the counselor shall meet with each student and, if practicable, his/her parent/guardian to explain the records. At the meeting, the counselor shall also explain: (Education Code 52378)

1. The student's educational options

If such services are available to district students, the educational options discussed shall include college preparatory and career technical programs, including regional occupational centers and programs and any other available alternatives.

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

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

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

2. The coursework and academic progress needed for satisfactory completion of middle school or high school and passage of the high school exit examination

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.5 - Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

3. Eligibility for admission to a four-year institution of postsecondary education, including the University of California (UC) and the California State University (CSU)

4. For those students who have not passed one or both parts of the exit exam by the end of grade 12, the availability of intensive instruction and services, as required pursuant to Education Code 37254, for up to two consecutive academic years after the completion of grade 12 or until the student has passed both parts of the exit exam, whichever comes first

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

5. The availability of career technical education

The Superintendent or designee shall identify students in grades 9-12 who: (Education Code 52378)

1. Are at risk of not graduating with the rest of their class

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2. Are not earning credits at a rate that will enable them to pass the high school exit exam
3. Do not have sufficient training to allow them to fully engage in their chosen career

For these identified students, the district shall provide the following additional services:

1. **List of Coursework and Experience:** For students in grades 10 and 12 who have not passed one or both parts of the high school exit exam or who have not satisfied, or are not on track to satisfy, the curricular requirements for admission to UC and CSU, the district shall provide a list of coursework and experience necessary to assist them in their current grade level and to successfully transition to postsecondary education or employment. (Education Code 52378)

For students in grade 12, the list shall also include options for continuing their education if they fail to meet graduation requirements, including, but not limited to, the option of enrolling in an adult education program, enrolling in a community college, continuing enrollment in the district, or continuing to receive intensive instruction and services for up to two academic years after completion of grade 12 or until passage of both parts of the exit exam, whichever comes first. (Education Code 52378)

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. (Education Code 52378)

2. **Intensive Instruction and Services:** For students in grade 10 and 11 who have not passed one or both parts of the high school exit exam, the district shall inform them of the option to receive intensive instruction and services pursuant to Education Code 37254 for up to two consecutive years after the completion of grade 12, or until the student has passed both parts of the exit exam, whichever comes first. (Education Code 52378)
3. **Individual Conference:** For students in grades 10 and 12 who have been provided the list of coursework and experience and for students in grade 7 who are deemed to be at the far below basic level in English language arts or mathematics, as 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. During the conference, the counselor shall apprise the student and his/parent guardian of the following: (Education Code 52378)
 - a. Consequences of not passing the high school exit exam

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- b. Available programs, courses, and career technical education options needed for satisfactory completion of middle or high school
- c. The student's cumulative records and transcripts
- d. The student's performance on standardized and diagnostic assessments
- e. Available remediation strategies, high school courses, and alternative education options, including, but not limited to, informing students of the option to receive intensive instruction and services for up to two consecutive academic years after completion of grade 12 or until passage of both parts of the exit exam, whichever comes first
- f. Information about postsecondary education and training
- g. As applicable, the student's score on the English language arts or mathematics portion of the California Standards Test administered in grade 6
- h. Eligibility requirements, including coursework and test requirements, and the progress of the student toward satisfaction of those requirements for admission to four-year institutions of postsecondary education, including at least UC and CSU
- i. The availability of financial aid for postsecondary education

The individual conference shall be scheduled, to the extent feasible, within the following timelines: (Education Code 52378)

- a. For students in grade 10, the conference shall occur between the spring of the year the students are enrolled in grade 10 and the fall of the following year in which the student would be enrolled in grade 11.
- b. For students in grade 12, the conference shall occur after November of that school year in which the student is enrolled in grade 12, but before March of that same school year.
- c. For schools operating on a multitrack year-round calendar, the individual conferences for students in grade 10 and 12 shall occur in a timeframe that is equivalent to the timeframe specified above for schools on a traditional calendar.

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The Superintendent or designee shall annually submit a report to the California Department of Education describing the number and percentage of students receiving various program services and an assurance that the district has complied with the requirements for individual conferences pursuant to Education Code 52378(e). (Education Code 52380)

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. (Education Code 221.5; 5 CCR 4930)

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. (5 CCR 4931)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)