

InstructionGuidance/Counseling Services

The Governing Board is committed to providing high quality programs for all students, including an effective guidance program to assist students in meeting the academic standards expected of them and to guide them in career and life decisions. The District is committed to implementing support services designed to assist students in meeting academic standards while preparing them for higher education and at the same time, recognizing the importance of directly teaching interpersonal and social skills to students at all grade levels.

Guidance Master Plan

The Paramount Unified School District *Guidance Master Plan* shall provide a comprehensive and developmental program that addresses the needs of all students in the areas of academic, career, and personal/social development. It is a collaborative partnership comprised of the total educational staff that includes credentialed school counselors, teachers, administrators, and support staff. The *Guidance Master Plan* is designed to prepare and support all students academically and socially with the skills and knowledge to be productive, effective and informed members of society.

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 California High School Exit Examination, and complete the required curriculum in accordance with their individual needs, abilities, and interests. Parent/guardian involvement and participation shall be encouraged when making educational plans.

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

The Superintendent's designee shall establish and maintain a program of guidance, placement, and follow-up for all District students subject to compulsory continuation education.

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Each student, prior to the end of the ninth grade, will meet with his/her counselor to review A-G requirements, the California High School Exit Exam, and to develop a four-year plan to ensure that the required courses are taken for acceptance into an institution of higher learning. Student's parents or guardians are also invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.

Personal/Social Development

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

Counselors shall respect student confidentiality as appropriate and shall consult with the Superintendent's designee whenever unsure of how to respond to a student's personal problem. Parent/guardian consultation and consent shall be obtained as appropriate.

Crisis Counseling

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

The Paramount Unified School District recognizes that crisis' can happen at any school site at any given time. In order to provide sites with a unified system of response to a crisis, a District Crisis Team, comprised of the Director of Student Services and several District counselors representing all grade levels has been established. Crisis Counseling resources have been identified to assist staff in appropriate response techniques and/or to directly help students cope with such crises should they occur.

InstructionGuidance/Counseling ServicesMilitary Recruitment

Colleges and prospective employers, including military recruiters, shall have the same access to students for recruiting purposes.

Legal Reference:

Education Code:

221.5 Prohibited sex discrimination
 41505-41508 Pupil Retention Block Grants
 48431 Establishing and maintaining high school
 guidance and placement program
 49600-49604 Educational counseling
 51513 Personal beliefs

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 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

Policy

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