

# BOARD POLICY

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

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Instruction

6164.2 - BP

## COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE

The Board of Education of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District recognizes that students have diverse needs and talents best served through the provision of a comprehensive counseling and guidance program that promotes student competencies in academic, career and personal/social areas of development. Counseling and guidance is an integral part of the district's total educational program and includes planned activities designed to address the developmental needs of all students.

The counseling and guidance program is delivered by credentialed school counselors, college and career technicians, and counseling interns with the support of teachers, administrators, students and parents. The program includes a balance of direct and indirect services, including guidance curriculums, individual planning, small and large group learning experiences and responsive counseling services. The goals of the counseling and guidance program are to provide all students the knowledge and skills necessary to maximize personal growth, enhance a sense of belonging and achievement and promote the career and educational development of all students to successfully transition to their desired post-secondary work, training or education. Counselors shall also be a resource for the identification of students who exhibit poor attendance, social and learning problems that put them at-risk for school failure, dropping out and school discipline and shall provide counseling assistance as appropriate.

No counselor shall unlawfully discriminate against any student. Guidance counseling regarding school programs and career, vocational, or higher education opportunities shall not be differentiated on the basis of any protected category specified in BP 0410, Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities.

In addition, counselors shall affirmatively explore with students the possibility of careers, or courses leading to careers, that are nontraditional for that student's sex. A disproportionate number of students of one sex shall not be enrolled in a class as a result of counseling service or appraisal materials.

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

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
44266	Pupil personnel services credential
48431	Establishing and maintaining high school guidance and placement program
49600-49604	Educational counseling
51250-51251	School age military dependents
51513	Personal beliefs

Family Code

6920-6929 Consent by minor for treatment or counseling

Health and Safety Code

12460 Mental health services; consent by minors age 12 and older

Penal Code

11166-11170 Reporting known or suspected cases of child abuse

Welfare and Institutions Code

5850-5883 Mental Health Services Act

Code of Regulations, Title 5

4930-4931 Counseling

80049-80049.1 Pupil personnel services credential

80632-80632.5 Preparation programs for pupil personnel services

United States Code, Title 10

503 Military recruiter access to directory information

United States Code, Title 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and 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

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