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#### **District School Counseling Program**

The Stockton Unified School Counseling program is developed on the foundation of the framework of ethics and professional standards articulated by the American School Counseling Association, referred to as the ASCA National Model. This model delineates the services and supports all students (grades Tk-12) receive via a comprehensive school counseling program as part of a team of school-based mental health professionals. These services are provided in multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) in the domains of academics, college/career, and social-emotional learning. Stockton Unified has developed a School Counselor Handbook to streamline services available at all three tiers.

Elementary and high school counselors shall review the academic and department record of each student and meet with each student and, if practicable his/her parent/guardian, to explain the records. For students in grades 6-12, the counselor shall also explain the student's educational options, the coursework and academic progress needed for satisfactory completion of middle school or high school, preparation for various post-secondary options and the availability of college preparatory courses and career technical education. A copy of the high school transcript shall be provided to high school students and their parents/guardians.

Elementary and high school counselors take a proactive stance in early identification of student personal and academic problems by systematically reviewing data, including academic progress, attendance, and behavior. They work with the student, parent, and school staff to craft an early intervention plan to address identified problems. Elementary and high school counselors are expected to address personal and social concerns of students. This includes individual and small group counseling as well as referrals to district and community services.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify students in grades 6-12-who are at risk of not successfully pass grade level core classes and/or are not earning credits at a rate that will enable them to pass the high school graduation requirements, and/or are in need of more intensive Tier 2 and 3 services of the District Multi-Tiered Support System.

The district shall provide the following services for the students identified above:

1. List of Coursework and Experience: the district shall provide a list of coursework and experience necessary to assist them in their respective grade, to meet all graduation requirements, and to successfully transition to postsecondary education or employment. For students in grade 12, the list shall also include options for continuing their education if they fail to meet graduation requirements,

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including, but not limited to, the option of enrolling in an adult education program, enrolling in a community college, or continuing enrollment in the district.

2. Individual Conference: students in grades 6-12 are 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. During the conference, the counselor shall apprise the student and his/parent guardian of the following:

- a. recommended plan of interventions and high school courses to meet graduation, college, and career goal requirements
- 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/or high school transcripts
- d. The student's performance on standardized assessments
- e. Available remediation strategies, high school courses, and alternative education options
- f. Information about postsecondary education and training

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.

### **Notifications**

Beginning in grade 8, parents/guardians shall be notified at least once before high school course selection so that they may 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.

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Policy Reference Disclaimer:

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These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
5 CCR 4930-4931	<a href="#">Counseling</a>
5 CCR 80049-80049.1	<a href="#">Pupil Personnel Services credential</a>
5 CCR 80632-80632.5	<a href="#">Preparation programs for Pupil Personnel Services</a>
Ed. Code 221.5	<a href="#">Equal opportunity</a>
Ed. Code 44266	<a href="#">Pupil Personnel Services credential</a>
Ed. Code 48431	<a href="#">Establishing and maintaining high school guidance and placement program</a>
Ed. Code 49600-49604	<a href="#">Educational counseling</a>
Ed. Code 51250-51251	<a href="#">Assistance to military dependents</a>
Ed. Code 51513	<a href="#">Personal beliefs</a>
Fam. Code 6920-6930	<a href="#">Consent by minor for medical treatment</a>
Gov. Code 6254	<a href="#">Exemption for personnel records if invasion of personal privacy</a>
H&S Code 124260	<a href="#">Mental health services; consent by minors age 12 and older</a>
Lab. Code 3074.2	<a href="#">College and career fairs; notice to apprenticeship programs</a>
Pen. Code 11166-11170	<a href="#">Reporting known or suspected cases of child abuse</a>
W&I Code 5850-5883	<a href="#">Mental Health Services Act</a>
Federal	Description
10 USC 503	<a href="#">Military recruiter access to directory information</a>
20 USC 1232g	<a href="#">Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974</a>
20 USC 7908	<a href="#">Armed forces recruiter access to students and student recruiting information</a>
34 CFR 99.1-99.67	<a href="#">Family Educational Rights and Privacy</a>

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Management Resources	Description
California Department of Education Publication	<a href="#">California Results-Based School Counseling and Student Support Guidelines, 2007</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Division of Apprenticeship Standards</a>
Website	<a href="#">CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Association of School Counselors</a>
Website	<a href="#">American School Counselor Association</a>
Website	<a href="#">U.S. Department of Education, access to military recruiters</a>
Website	<a href="#">Commission on Teacher Credentialing</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Department of Education</a>

### Cross References

Code	Description
0410	<a href="#">Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities</a>
0450	<a href="#">Comprehensive Safety Plan</a>
0450	<a href="#">Comprehensive Safety Plan</a>
0470	<a href="#">COVID-19 Mitigation Plan</a>
1312.3	<a href="#">Uniform Complaint Procedures</a>
1312.3	<a href="#">Uniform Complaint Procedures</a>
1400	<a href="#">Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies And The Schools</a>
3515	<a href="#">Campus Security</a>
3516	<a href="#">Emergencies And Disaster Preparedness Plan</a>
3516	<a href="#">Emergencies And Disaster Preparedness Plan</a>
3516.2	<a href="#">Bomb Threats</a>

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4112.2	<a href="#">Certification</a>
4112.2	<a href="#">Certification</a>
4119.23	<a href="#">Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information</a>
4131	<a href="#">Staff Development</a>
4131	<a href="#">Staff Development</a>
4219.23	<a href="#">Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information</a>
4319.23	<a href="#">Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information</a>
5022	<a href="#">Student And Family Privacy Rights</a>
5022	<a href="#">Student And Family Privacy Rights</a>
5113	<a href="#">Absences And Excuses</a>
5113	<a href="#">Absences And Excuses</a>
5113.1	<a href="#">Chronic Absence And Truancy</a>
5125	<a href="#">Student Records</a>
5125	<a href="#">Student Records</a>
5125.1	<a href="#">Release Of Directory Information</a>
5125.1	<a href="#">Release Of Directory Information</a>
5131	<a href="#">Conduct</a>
5131.2	<a href="#">Bullying</a>
5131.2	<a href="#">Bullying</a>
5131.6	<a href="#">Alcohol And Other Drugs</a>
5131.6	<a href="#">Alcohol And Other Drugs</a>
5136	<a href="#">Gangs</a>

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5136	<a href="#">Gangs</a>
5137	<a href="#">Positive School Climate</a>
5138	<a href="#">Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation</a>
5141.22	<a href="#">Infectious Diseases</a>
5141.22	<a href="#">Infectious Diseases</a>
5141.4	<a href="#">Child Abuse Prevention And Reporting</a>
5141.4	<a href="#">Child Abuse Prevention And Reporting</a>
5141.52	<a href="#">Suicide Prevention</a>
5141.52	<a href="#">Suicide Prevention</a>
5141.52-E PDF(1)	<a href="#">Suicide Prevention</a>
5141.6	<a href="#">School Health Services</a>
5141.6-E PDF(1)	<a href="#">School Health Services - Student Health And Social Services</a>
5144	<a href="#">Discipline</a>
5144	<a href="#">Discipline</a>
5145.3	<a href="#">Nondiscrimination/Harassment</a>
5145.3	<a href="#">Nondiscrimination/Harassment</a>
5145.6	<a href="#">Parent/Guardian Notifications</a>
5145.6-E PDF(1)	<a href="#">Parent/Guardian Notifications</a>
5145.9	<a href="#">Hate-Motivated Behavior</a>
5147	<a href="#">Dropout Prevention</a>
6141.4	<a href="#">International Baccalaureate Program</a>
6141.5	<a href="#">Advanced Placement</a>

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6141.5	<a href="#">Advanced Placement</a>
6142.8	<a href="#">Comprehensive Health Education</a>
6142.8	<a href="#">Comprehensive Health Education</a>
6143	<a href="#">Courses Of Study</a>
6143	<a href="#">Courses Of Study</a>
6146.2	<a href="#">Certificate Of Proficiency/High School Equivalency</a>
6146.2	<a href="#">Certificate Of Proficiency/High School Equivalency</a>
6164.5	<a href="#">Student Success Teams</a>
6171	<a href="#">Title I Programs</a>
6171	<a href="#">Title I Programs</a>
6172	<a href="#">Gifted And Talented Student Program</a>
6172	<a href="#">Gifted And Talented Student Program</a>
6173	<a href="#">Education For Homeless Children</a>
6173	<a href="#">Education For Homeless Children</a>
6173.1	<a href="#">Education For Foster Youth</a>
6173.1	<a href="#">Education For Foster Youth</a>
6178	<a href="#">Career Technical Education</a>
6184	<a href="#">Continuation Education</a>
6184	<a href="#">Continuation Education</a>
6185	<a href="#">Community Day School</a>
6185	<a href="#">Community Day School</a>
6200	<a href="#">Adult Education</a>

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6200	<a href="#">Adult Education</a>

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