

**MISSION STATEMENT** 

The School Counseling Program at PAUSD middle and high schools offers comprehensive planning and guidance services addressing student academic, diverse career and college goals, as well as personal and social development. We work to give ALL students the opportunities to acquire the educational and social competencies necessary for growth toward lifelong success and effective, responsible citizenships for a diverse and changing world. Our school counseling program seeks to positively impact the lives of ALL of our students by partnering with staff, parents and community.

**ACTIVITIES** 

**Individual Student Planning**

- Student contact (1-1 or group)
- Academic Planning
- Career interest inventory
- Career exposure activities

**Responsive Services**

- Presentation of resources
- Referrals to services
- Liaison/case management
- Academic and/or social intervention

**System Support**

- Climate work
- Modeling leadership
- Collaboration with key partners
- Professional development
- Communication with parents

**REFRESHED INITIATIVES**



Academic Excellence and Learning



Personal Development and Support

**OUTCOMES**

**Short-Term**



**Academic**

- Students are informed of and understand:
- Course offerings
  - Graduation requirement
  - College admission requirements (including A-G)



**College/Career**

- Students are:
- Exposed to diverse post-secondary options



**Personal/Social**

- The Counseling program has identified life skills priorities and trends
- Students have:
- Knowledge of what resources exist
  - Access to support services
  - Identified a trusted adult on campus to connect to for support
  - A sense of safety

**Interim**

- Students are/have:
- An academic plan to meet graduation requirements
  - Informed and guided to achieve A-G requirements for four year college eligibility
  - Engaged learners, exploring areas of academic strengths and areas of growth

- Students have:
- Identified interests, strengths and areas of growth for post-secondary options

- Students :
- Have on-going access to support services
  - Experience a caring school environment
  - Develop life skills that promote well-being
  - Have a sense of safety

**Long-Term (High School Graduation)**

- Students will have:
- Acquired and demonstrated competencies in academic achievement

- Students will have:
- Gained competencies to be prepared to pursue post-secondary options

- Students will have:
- Experienced a safe and caring school environment
  - Been supported to confidently assess and pursue personal goals & choices
  - Developed life skills to build independence and resiliency

**Students who demonstrate additional need (s) are provided with culturally responsive prevention and intervention services**

**RATIONALE** 

School counselors are professional educators with a mental health perspective who understand and respond to the challenges presented by today's diverse student population. School counselors do not work in isolation; rather they are integral to the total education program. The American School Counselors Association National Standards in the academic, career, and personal/social domains are the foundation for this work.