

# **OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **Board Policy**

BP 6402

### **Instruction**

#### **Teacher-Based Advisory Program**

The Board recognizes that a supportive, ongoing relationship with a caring adult can provide a student with valuable advice and security. As provided in Section 49600 of the Education Code, the Board authorizes the establishment of a teacher-based advisory program in which teachers, with supervision and support from a credentialed, centrally-based school counselor, advise students in such areas as character development, conflict resolution and post-secondary planning. The Board expects this program to enhance student-teacher relationships and give students positive adult role models.

Student-centered learning communities will provide advisory programs (in grades 7-12) for all students, fostering a culture of academic achievement and personal connection. The goal of this advisory program is to ensure all students receive support in their educational planning and social-emotional growth. Programs shall include:

1. college preparation, career exploration, and other related post-secondary planning activities;
2. individual and group learning opportunities that allow for development of leadership skills, interpersonal skills, and self-reflection;
3. support for key academic and social competencies and opportunities to make meaningful connections with other students and with adults; and
4. clear structures for students to regularly assess their progress toward high school graduation and post-secondary opportunities.

#### **LEGAL REFERENCE:**

##### **EDUCATION CODE**

49600 Included Services; organized advisory programs; grandfathered rights.

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