

Paradise Unified School District Counseling Program

Mission Statement

The mission of the Paradise Unified School counseling program is to provide comprehensive counseling services that address the academic, career, and personal/social development of all students. School counselors will facilitate a support system so that all students have access to the knowledge and resources that will prepare them to become skilled, responsible and productive citizens. It is our vision that students will be able to effectively manage future challenges, develop and reach their post-secondary goals, and progress confidently into an ever-changing society.

Philosophy and Belief Statement

The school counselors serving Paradise Unified School District believe:

- All students have individual strengths and success looks different for each student.
- All students can achieve success and should have equitable access to resources to meet their developmental needs
- School Counselors must advocate for students by assessing barriers and educating stakeholders on strategies to address the whole child.
- Each student should have access to a data-driven comprehensive school counseling program which includes a core curriculum, small group, and individual student support.
- School Counselors will use data to design, implement and evaluate the effectiveness of the school counseling program.
- All students are entitled to a school counselor that upholds the ASCA Ethical Standards in order to create a safe and supportive environment while maintaining integrity and professionalism.

The school counselors also believe:

- The school counseling programs for Paradise Unified School District creates a secure and supportive environment that empowers students to overcome their barriers in life to achieve their individual success. All students will have equitable access to resources that meet their developmental and individual needs to help reach their full potential. School Counselors will advocate for students and collaborate with stakeholders to create a data-driven school counseling program that prepares students for post-secondary education and career pathways as well as to learn how to have a positive impact on global society.

The Paradise Unified School District Counseling Program shall:

- Be student-centered, engage all students in classroom, group and/or individual activities to enhance student learning.
- Be based on specified goals and developmental competencies for all students.
- Focus on primary prevention, intervention and student-developmental needs relating to all areas of school counseling including academics, careers, and social/emotional well-being.
- Be planned and coordinated by certificated school counselors in consultation with other representatives of the school and community.
- Use data to drive the program development and evaluation, and actively monitor student results based on student strengths and needs.

The Paradise Unified School District counselors shall:

- Abide by the professional school counseling ethics as advocated by the American School Counselor Association as well as California Association of School Counselors.
- Shall participate in professional development essential to maintain a quality school counseling program.