

26 (1) (a) Each district school board shall require certified
27 school counselors to advise students attending public high
28 schools of opportunities to gain skills in demand in the labor
29 market and how to prepare to obtain postsecondary degrees in
30 technical fields.

31 (b) Certified school counselors shall give the advice
32 required by this subsection at least once per academic year
33 before public high school students select courses for the
34 subsequent academic year. The advice must include the following
35 information:

36 1. Apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs offered
37 pursuant to chapter 446.

38 2. Dual enrollment programs offered pursuant to s.
39 1007.271.

40 3. Career and professional academies and career-themed
41 courses available pursuant to s. 1003.493.

42 4. Opportunities at local school district technical
43 centers.

44 5. Opportunities to gain an internship.

45 6. The Career and Technical Education pathway to earn a
46 standard high school diploma pursuant to s. 1003.4282(11) and
47 all opportunities to earn credits toward the pathway.

48 (c) If an insufficient number of certified school
49 counselors is available to give the advice required by this
50 subsection, then the staff of other student personnel services

51 as defined in s. 1012.01(2)(b) may give the advice.

52 (d) A student with limited English proficiency, as defined
53 in s. 1003.56, must be provided the advice required under this
54 subsection in his or her native language. Such advice may be
55 provided in person or by video conference, telephone, or in
56 print.

57 (2) Each district school board shall annually submit a
58 district guidance report to the Commissioner of Education by
59 June 30.

60 (3)~~(2)~~ The guidance report shall include, but not be
61 limited to, the following:

62 (a) Examination of student access to certified school
63 counselors.

64 (b) Degree to which a district has adopted or implemented
65 a guidance model program.

66 (c) Evaluation of the information and training available
67 to certified school counselors and career specialists to advise
68 students on areas of critical need, labor market trends, and
69 technical training requirements.

70 (d) Progress toward incorporation of best practices for
71 advisement as identified by the department.

72 (e) Consideration of alternative guidance systems or
73 ideas, including, but not limited to, a teacher-advisor model,
74 mentoring, partnerships with the business community, web-based
75 delivery, and parental involvement.

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76 (f) A guidance plan for the district.

77 (4)~~(3)~~ The department shall provide resources to district
78 school boards that may assist districts in offering the advice
79 required by subsection (1) and preparing the annual guidance
80 report. The resources shall include, but are not limited to,
81 materials relating to guidance model programs, training
82 available through the department for career guidance, adopted
83 best practices, alternative guidance systems or ideas, and a
84 model district guidance plan.

85 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.