

Safety

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of providing a safe school environment that is conducive to learning and helps ensure student safety and the prevention of student injury. The Superintendent or designee shall implement appropriate practices to minimize the risk of harm to students, including, but not limited to, practices relative to school facilities and equipment, the outdoor environment, educational programs, and school-sponsored activities.

School staff shall be responsible for the proper supervision of students at all times when students are subject to district rules, including, but not limited to, during school hours, school-sponsored activities, before and after-school programs, morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, and while students are using district transportation.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students receive appropriate instruction on topics related to safety and emergency procedures, as well as injury and disease prevention.

A minor student shall not be permitted to leave school in the custody of a person other than the student's custodial parent/ guardian unless that person has the verified authorization of the legal parent(s)/guardian, or properly authorized law officers acting in accordance with law.

It is the responsibility of the principal or supervising teacher to provide for adequate supervision of playgrounds and other school facilities at all times they are in use by students during the school day or at school-sponsored activities. Special attention should be given to the prevention of accidents and to the development of habits of good citizenship.

The principal should make full use of the cooperative services of local and county organizations which provide safety services, such as fire, law enforcement and disaster preparedness agencies.

Student Identification Cards and Safety Information

Student identification cards of students in grades 7-12 shall have printed on them safety information, including the following:

1. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline telephone number and, at the district's discretion, the Crisis Text Line and/or a local suicide prevention hotline telephone number
2. The National Domestic Violence Hotline

Missing Children

Consistent efforts to create a safe and secure environment for children and in order to assist in locating missing children, the Board recognizes that all employees must be made aware of the plight of missing children. Each principal shall be responsible for seeing that information on missing children is posted in the school.

Each school principal should maintain procedures which ensure that each newly enrolled or transferred student is checked to see whether he/she resembles any child listed as missing. School employees are encouraged to review missing children's pictures when a student transfers into the school.

Eye and Hearing Protection Devices

The Superintendent is directed to develop regulations which require that eye protective devices are worn by students, teachers and visitors at any time when they are engaged in or observing an activity or using hazardous substances likely to cause injury to the eyes. The Superintendent or designee shall monitor students' exposure to excessive noise in classrooms and provide protection as necessary. The Superintendent or designee may also provide hearing conservation education to teach students ways to protect their hearing.

*Legal Reference:**EDUCATION CODE*

- 215.5 Pupil and Student Suicide Prevention*
- 8482-8484.6 After School Education and Safety Program*
- 17280-17317 Building approvals (Field Act)*
- 17365-17374 Fitness of school facilities for occupancy*
- 32001 Fire alarms and drills*
- 32020 School gates; entrances for emergency vehicles*
- 32030-32034 Eye safety*
- 32040 First aid equipment*
- 32225-32226 Two-way communication devices in classrooms*
- 32240-32245 Lead-free schools*
- 32250-32254 CDE school safety and security resources unit*
- 32280-32289 Safety plans*
- 44807 Duty of teachers concerning conduct of students*
- 44808 Exemption from liability when students are not on school property*
- 44808.5 Permission for students to leave school grounds; notice (high school)*
- 45450-45451 Crossing guards*
- 48900 Hazing*
- 49300-49307 School safety patrol*
- 49330-49335 Injurious objects*
- 49341 Hazardous materials in school science laboratories*
- 51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety*

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 810-996.6 California Tort Claims Act*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

- 115725-115735 Playground safety*
- 115775-115800 Wooden playground equipment*
- 115810-115816 Playground safety and recycling grants*

PENAL CODE

- 245.6 Hazing*

STUDENTS

Board Policy 5142 (c)

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

5411 Purchase of equipment usable by physically disabled persons

VEHICLE CODE

21100 Rules and regulations; crossing guards

21212 Use of helmets

42200 Fines and forfeitures, disposition by cities

42201 Fines and forfeitures, disposition by counties

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

202 Exclusion of students with a contagious disease

570-576 School safety patrols

5531 Supervision of social activities

5552 Playground supervision

5570 When school shall be open and teachers present

14103 Bus driver; authority over pupils

Policy

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