

Classroom Interruptions

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to minimize the number of classroom interruptions in order that students and teachers may fully take advantage of all opportunities for learning and personal enrichment in the classroom setting. The Board recognizes that such a policy must make the necessary allowances for interruptions caused by emergencies and other urgent situations. The following guidelines should help keep these interruptions to a minimum:

1. Intercoms and/or public address systems are to be used sparingly;
2. The delivery of routine messages should be limited to designated periods during the day, preferably during the first 5 minutes of the class period;
3. Whenever possible, visitations should be arranged in advance through the school office;
4. School maintenance, which would cause excessive noise, should be scheduled before or after school hours.
5. Notify parents/guardians that they should go to the school office rather than the classroom when they are dropping off their child late, picking him/her up early, or bringing by any forgotten items from home.
6. Notify school staff that they should refrain from conducting personal business during instructional time.
7. Provide professional development in classroom management as needed to enable staff to more effectively reduce interruptions caused by inappropriate student conduct in the classroom.

*Legal Reference:**EDUCATION CODE**32211 Restricting access to school grounds based on threatened disruption or interference**32212 Classroom interruptions**44810-44811 Disruptions; misdemeanor**48901.5 Authority to regulate use of electronic devices**51512 Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording device*

Policy

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