

CONDUCT

The Governing Board believes that all students have the right to be educated in a positive learning environment free from disruptions. To maintain such an environment, students, parents/guardians, staff and the Board all must understand and fulfill their responsibilities related to student conduct.

Student Responsibilities

The Board believes that it is important for students to understand that they have a choice to make regarding their actions and that appropriate conduct benefits both themselves and others. Students are encouraged to freely express their individuality as long as this expression does not infringe upon the rights of other or interfere with the instructional program. Behavior is considered appropriate when students are diligent in study, neat and clean, careful with school property, respectful towards their teachers, and courteous to other students, staff and volunteers. Students are expected to be punctual and regular in attendance and to remain on school premises in accordance with school rules. They are further expected to refrain from profane, vulgar or abusive language.

Students shall receive regular instruction in district and school rules and regulations related to conduct; they shall then be responsible with understanding and complying with the standards. Students who violate these rules and regulations may be subject to discipline, suspension, exclusion, expulsion or transfer to alternative programs.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

Parents/guardians are expected to comply with laws governing the conduct and education of their children and to cooperate with school authorities regarding their children's behavior.

California law holds parents/guardians liable for any willful student misconduct which results in the death or injury of any student or persons employed by or volunteering for the district. Parents/guardians are also liable for any defacement, injury or loss of property belonging to the district or to a school employee. (Education Code 48904)

District Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for prescribing behavioral and disciplinary guidelines for students. The Board shall give certificated staff all reasonable support with respect to student conduct and discipline. The Board holds the certificated personnel responsible for the proper conduct and control of pupils while legally under school jurisdiction.

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The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures necessary to enforce the Board's conduct and discipline policies and shall notify parents/guardians of the availability of these policies and procedures at the beginning of each school year.

The school principal shall establish and enforce school rules that conform with district procedures and that foster safety and good citizenship. He/she shall ensure that students are informed of these rules when they enroll and at the beginning of each school year.

The principal may implement necessary procedures and rules of the governing board relating to standards of student behavior. The principal may involve representatives of all areas of school personnel, pupils, parents, and citizens of the community.

Teachers shall be responsible for the instruction of pupils in rules and regulations of proper conduct, as well as to be responsible for proper adequate control of pupils. The responsibility of any teacher extends to all pupils of the school district under the assigned supervision of the teacher and to other pupils so situated with respect to the teacher as to be subject to the teacher's control.

Legal Reference:EDUCATION CODE

35181	Governing board policy on responsibilities of students
35291	Rules
44807	Duty concerning conduct of students
48900-48925	Suspension or expulsion
48908	Duties of pupils
48980-48981	Notification of parent or guardian

CIVIL CODE

1714.1	Liability of parents and guardians for willful misconduct of minor
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CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

300-307	Duties of pupils
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UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000h-2 et seq.	Title IX, 1972 Education Act Amendments
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