

SAFETY

The Governing Board places a high priority on safety and on the prevention of student injury. Principals and staff are responsible for the conduct and safety of students from the time they come under school supervision until they leave school supervision, whether on school premises or not. The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations and procedures as necessary to protect students from dangerous situations.

Although the district is not liable for the safety of pupils who are not under school supervision, the school district can, and does hold students accountable for their behavior from the time they leave their homes for school until they return to their homes from school, in the playgrounds and during recess, and while they are on school premises and/or under supervision of school district personnel.

Principals, teachers or bus drivers to whom they may delegate their authority are responsible for the conduct and safety of students enrolled in their schools from the time they come under school supervision until they leave school supervision, whether on school premises or not.

It is the responsibility of the principal to provide for adequate supervision of playgrounds and other school facilities at all times when they are in use by students. 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.

A principal shall not permit a minor student to leave school in the custody of a person other than the student's legal parent or guardian unless that person has the verified authorization of one of the legal parents or guardian. Properly authorized law officers may seize or apprehend according to law.

Football Protective Equipment

All football helmets used in interscholastic football must be certified for use by the Department of Education. Further, all football protective equipment must be maintained currently in a safe and serviceable condition.

SAFETY (Continued)

Protection from Strangers

Children shall be instructed by school personnel not to accept gifts or automobile rides from strangers.

Playgrounds

Playground equipment shall be carefully selected and installed, so that it minimizes accidents and presents no unseen hazards. Safety shall receive prime consideration whenever playgrounds are planned or upgraded.

The principal or designee shall ensure that playgrounds and other school facilities are regularly inspected, well maintained, and adequately supervised whenever in use by students during the school day or at school-sponsored activities. The principal or designee shall establish playground safety rules.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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| 32000-32004 | School safety: uniform fire signals |
| 32020 | School gates; entrances for emergency vehicles |
| 32030-32034 | School eye safety |
| 32040 | First aid equipment |
| 32050 | Hazing |
| 39140-39157 | Approvals (Field Act) |
| 44807 | Duty of teachers concerning conduct of pupils to hold them accountable for conduct to and from schools, on playgrounds, and during recess |
| 44808 | Exemption from liability when students are not on school property |
| 44808.5 | Permission for pupils to leave school grounds; notice (high school) |
| 49068.5 | Missing children; transfers |
| 49341 | Need for safety in school science laboratories |
| 51202 | Instruction in personal and public health and safety |

SAFETY (Continued)GOVERNMENT CODE

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| 810-996.6 | California Tort Claims Act, especially: |
| 815 | Liability for injuries generally: immunity of public entity |
| 835 | Conditions of liability |
| 4450-4458 | Access to public buildings by physically handicapped persons |

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

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| 115725-115750 | Playground Safety |
| 115775-115800 | Wooden Playground Equipment |

PENAL CODE

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| 14200-14213 | Violent crime information center |
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PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

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| 5411 | Purchase of equipment usable by physically handicapped persons |
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CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

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| 202 | Exclusion of pupils with a contagious disease |
| 5531 | Supervision of social activities |
| 5552 | Playground supervision |
| 5570 | When school shall be open and teachers present |
| 14103 | Bus driver, authority over pupils |

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24

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| 4-314 | Construction on school sites |
| | Dailey v. Los Angeles Unified School District (1970) 2 Cal 3d 741, 747 |
| | Pema v. Conejo Valley Unified School District (1983) 143 Cal. App.3d 292 |
| | Hoyem v. Manhattan Beach City School District (1978) 22 Cal. 3d 508 |

Management Resources:OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHITECT ADVISORIES

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| 400.90 | Death and injury from Collapse of Free-Standing Walls |
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