

Hanford ESD

Administrative Regulation

Student Disturbances

AR 5131.4
Students

All school staff shall respond to campus disturbances in accordance with the school's response plan. Response plans shall describe:

1. The means which will be used to signal an emergency situation and maintain communication among staff and with the Superintendent or designee.
2. Each staff member's specific duties during a disturbance.
3. Procedures for ensuring the safety of students and staff.
4. Conditions, as prearranged with law enforcement authorities, under which the principal or designee shall:
 - a. Inform the police
 - b. Secure police assistance
 - c. Give the police responsibility for a specific crisis situation
5. Procedures for the orderly dismissal of school when authorized by the principal or designee.

All media inquiries during crisis situations shall be routed to the Superintendent or designee.

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

Extension of Class Period

During any disturbance in which additional students might become involved while changing classes, the principal or designee may notify all staff that the present class period will be extended until further notice. Upon receiving this notification:

1. Teachers shall ensure that all students in their charge remain in one location under their supervision.
2. Teachers shall ask any students who are in the halls to return to their classes at once.

3. The principal may also request that the Superintendent dismiss school in accordance with the school disturbance response plan.

Prohibited Activities

1. Disturbing the Peace. It is a misdemeanor to intentionally cause or attempt to cause a riot burn or destroy property, fighting, challenging another to fight, or using offensive words likely to provoke a fight.

2. Disrupting school operations, including, but not limited to, exercising free expression which is obscene, libelous, or slanderous or so incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on school premises or the violation of lawful school regulations, or substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school: (Education Code 48907).

Other examples of activities that may be considered disrupting school operations include, but are not limited to:

a. Organize or participate in unauthorized assemblies on school premises.

b. Participate in sit-ins or stand-ins which deny students or employees normal access to school premises.

c. Interfering with or unauthorized use of the district's computer system.

3. Refusal to disperse, including, but not limited to, assembling for the purpose of causing a disruption and refusing to disperse upon the direction of school personnel.

4. Boycotting school, including, but not limited to, participating in any protest that involves nonattendance where attendance is required at school, class, or at a school activity.

Any student who participates in a boycott shall be given an unexcused absence and may be classified as truant, regardless of any parent/guardian approval of the absence.

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