

Regulation 5142 Safety

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At each school, the principal or designee shall establish emergency procedures, rules for student conduct, and rules for the safe and appropriate use of school facilities, equipment, and materials, consistent with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. The rules shall be communicated to students, distributed to parents/guardians, and readily available at the school at all times.

Release of Students

Students shall be released during the school day only to the custody of an adult who is one of the following:

1. The student's custodial parent/guardian
2. An adult authorized as the student's emergency contact to whom the student may be released when the custodial parent/guardian cannot be reached, provided the principal or designee verifies the adult's identity
3. An authorized law enforcement officer acting in accordance with law.
4. An adult taking the student to emergency medical care at the request of the principal or designee

Supervision of Students

Teachers shall be present at their respective rooms and shall open them to admit students not less than 30 minutes before the time that school starts. (5 CCR 5570)

Every teacher shall hold students to a strict account for their conduct on the way to and from school, on the playgrounds, and during recess. (Education Code 44807)

The principal or designee shall require all individuals supervising students to remain alert for unauthorized persons and dangerous conditions, and promptly report any unusual incidents to the principal or designee and file a written report as appropriate.

Any certificated or classified employee, or other school official, whose duties bring the employee or other school official in contact on a regular basis with students in any of grades 6-12, as part of a middle or high school, who are alerted to or observe any threat or perceived threat of a homicidal act, as defined, shall immediately report the threat or perceived threat to law enforcement in accordance with Education Code 49393. (Education Code 49390, 49393)

Threat or perceived threat means any writing or action of a student that creates a reasonable suspicion that the student is preparing to commit a homicidal act related to school or a school activity. This may include possession, use, or depictions of firearms, ammunition, shootings, or targets in association with infliction of physical harm, destruction, or death in a social media post, journal, class note, or other media associated with the student. It may also include a warning by a parent, student, or other individual.

Additionally, anyone who receives or learns of a health or safety threat related to school or a school activity is encouraged to report the threat to a school or district administrator.

In arranging for appropriate supervision on playgrounds, the principal or designee shall:

1. Clearly identify supervision zones and require all playground supervisors to remain at a location from which they can observe their entire zone of supervision and be observed by students in the supervision zone
2. Consider the size of the playground area, the number of areas that are obstructed from open view, and the age of the students to determine the ratio of playground supervisors to students

At any school where playground supervision is not otherwise provided, the principal or designee shall provide for certificated employees to supervise the conduct and safety, and direct the play, of students who are on school grounds before and after school and during recess and other intermissions. (5 CCR 5552)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers, teacher aides, playground supervisors, yard aides, and volunteers who supervise students receive training in safety practices and in supervisory techniques that will help prevent problems and resolve conflicts among students. Additionally, all staff and other school officials shall be made aware of their responsibilities regarding the reporting of potential homicidal acts to law enforcement, and receive training in the assessment and reporting of such threats. The training shall be documented and kept on file.

Student Safety Patrols

A school safety patrol shall be composed of students of the school selected by the principal or designee and shall be allowed to serve only with written consent of the students and their parents/guardians. Patrol members shall be at least 10 years old and in the fifth grade. (Education Code 49302; 5 CCR 571)

School safety patrols shall be used only at those locations where the nature of traffic will permit their safe operation. The locations where school safety patrols are used should be determined jointly with the local law enforcement agency. (5 CCR 572)

Patrol members shall be under the supervision and control of the principal or designee and shall receive training in proper procedures, including, but not limited to, the operations specified in 5 CCR 573-574. Whenever on duty, patrol members shall wear the standard uniform required by

5 CCR 576.

Playground Safety

Any new playground or any replacement of equipment or modification of components inside an existing playground shall conform to standards set forth by the American Society for Testing and Materials and the guidelines set forth by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. The Superintendent or designee shall have a playground safety inspector certified by the National Playground Safety Institute conduct an initial inspection to aid compliance with applicable safety standards. (Health and Safety Code 115725)

Activities with Safety Risks

Due to concerns about the risk to student safety, the principal or designee shall not permit the following activities on campus or during school-sponsored events unless the activity is properly supervised, students wear protective gear as appropriate, and each participant has insurance coverage:

1. Trampolining
2. Scuba diving
3. Skateboarding or use of scooters
4. In-line or roller skating or use of skate shoes
5. Sailing, boating, or water skiing
6. Cross-country or downhill skiing
7. Motorcycling
8. Target shooting
9. Horseback riding
10. Rodeo
11. Archery
12. Mountain bicycling
13. Rock climbing
14. Rocketeering
15. Surfing

16. Body Contact Sports

17. Other activities determined by the principal to have a high risk to student safety

As needed, the Superintendent or designee may periodically provide training or instruction to students on the safe use of electric, motorized or nonmotorized bicycles, scooters, skateboards, and roller skates. Any student who rides any such bicycle, scooter, skateboard, or roller skates at school shall wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet.

Events In or Around a Swimming Pool

When any on-campus event that is not part of an interscholastic athletic program is sponsored or hosted by the district and is to be held in or around a swimming pool, at least one adult with a valid certification of cardiopulmonary resuscitation training shall be present throughout the duration of the event. (Education Code 35179.6)

Laboratory Safety

The principal of each school offering laboratory work shall develop procedures for laboratory safety and designate a trained certificated employee to regularly review, update, and implement these procedures.

Students in a laboratory shall be under the supervision of a certificated employee. Students shall be taught laboratory safety, and safety guidelines and procedures shall be posted in science classrooms. Students shall receive continual reminders about general and specific hazards.

Hazardous materials shall be properly used, stored, and disposed of in accordance with law and the district's chemical hygiene plan.

Bloodborne pathogens shall be handled in accordance with the district's exposure control plan.

The district's emergency plan, emergency contact numbers, and first aid supplies shall be readily accessible.

Parents/guardians shall be made aware of the kinds of laboratory activities that will be conducted during the school year.

Hearing Protection

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.

Eye Safety Devices

The Superintendent or designee shall provide schools with eye safety devices for use whenever students, teachers, or visitors are engaged in or observing an activity or using hazardous

substances likely to cause injury to the eyes. Eye safety devices may be sold to students for an amount not to exceed the actual cost to the district. (Education Code 32030, 32031, 32033)

Protection Against Insect Bites

To help protect students against insect bites or stings that may spread disease or cause allergic reactions, students shall be allowed to apply insect repellent provided by their parents/guardians, when engaging in outdoor activities. Any application of insect repellent shall occur under the supervision of school personnel, and in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.

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Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State

5 CCR 14030

5 CCR 14103

5 CCR 202

5 CCR 5531

5 CCR 5552

5 CCR 5570

5 CCR 570-576

Ed. Code 17280-17317

Ed. Code 17365-17374

Ed. Code 215.5

Ed. Code 32001

Ed. Code 32020

Ed. Code 32030-32034

Ed. Code 32040

Ed. Code 32225-32226

Ed. Code 32240-32245

Ed. Code 32250-32254

Ed. Code 32280-32289.5

Ed. Code 35179.6

Ed. Code 38134

Ed. Code 44807

Description

Preliminary procedure, planning and approval of school facilities

Authority of the driver

Exclusion of students with a contagious disease

Supervision of extracurricular activities of students

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When school shall be open and teachers present

School safety patrols

[Field Act; approval of plans and supervision of construction](#)

[Field Act; fitness for occupancy; liability of board members](#)

[Student identification cards; safety information](#)

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[School gates; entrances for emergency vehicles](#)

[Eye safety](#)

[Duty to equip school with first aid kit](#)

[Communications devices in classrooms](#)

[Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act](#)

[CDE School Safety and Security Resource Unit](#)

[School safety plans](#)

[School-sponsored on-campus event in or around swimming pool](#)

[Use of school property](#)

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Ed. Code 44808	Exemption from liability when students are not on school property
Ed. Code 44808.5	Permission for high school students to leave school grounds; notice
Ed. Code 45450-45451	Crossing guards
Ed. Code 48900	Grounds for suspension or expulsion
Ed. Code 49300-49307	School safety patrols
Ed. Code 49330-49335	Injurious objects
Ed. Code 49341	Hazardous materials in school science laboratories
Ed. Code 49390-49395	Homicide threats
Ed. Code 51202	Instruction in personal and public health and safety
Ed. Code 51860	Time and facilities for bicycle and scooter safety instruction
Ed. Code 8482-8484.65	After School Education and Safety Program
Gov. Code 810-996.6	California Tort Claims Act
H&S Code 115725-115735	Playground safety
H&S Code 115775-115800	Wooden playground equipment
H&S Code 116046	Issuance of best practices guidelines for K-12 pool safety
Pen. Code 245.6	Hazing
Pub. Res. Code 5411	Purchase of playground equipment usable by persons with disabilities

Streets and Highways Code 894	Statewide safety and training programs; electric bicycles
Veh. Code 21100	Rules and regulations; crossing guards
Veh. Code 21212	Use of helmets
Veh. Code 42200	Fines and forfeitures; disposition by cities
Veh. Code 42201	Fines and forfeitures; disposition by counties
Vehicle Code 21201	Rules for operation of bicycle on roadway

Federal

6 USC 665k

Description

Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-Based Practices

Management Resources

American Society for Testing and Materials
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California Department of Education
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Court Decision

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U.S. Consumer Product Safety Comm
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ASTM F1 1487-21, Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use
Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools, 2014

J.H. v. Los Angeles Unified School District (2010) 183 Cal.App.4th 123

Knight v. Jewett (1992) 3 Cal.4th 296

Lane v. City of Sacramento (2010) 183 Cal. App. 4th. 1337

Kahn v. East Side Union High School District (2003) 31 Cal.4th 990

Dailey v. Los Angeles Unified School District (1970) 2 Cal 3d 741

Hoyem v. Manhattan Beach City School District (1978) 22 Cal. 3d 508

Wiener v. Southcoast Childcare Centers (2004) 32 Cal.4th 1138

Public Playground Safety Handbook, 2010

[U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Fusion Centers](#)

[California State Threat Assessment System](#)

[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)

[National Recreation and Park Association, Certified](#)

[Playground Safety Inspector Certification](#)

Website	U.S. Department of Education, Safe Schools
Website	American Society for Testing and Materials
Website	U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Website	California Department of Education, Safe Schools
Website	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Website	CSBA
Website	California Department of Public Health
Website	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Cross References

Code	Description
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1250	Visitors/Outsiders
1330.1	Joint Use Agreements
3260	Fees And Charges
3260	Fees And Charges
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