

Board Policy Manual



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>> Policy 5131: Conduct

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The Board of Education believes that all students have the right to be educated in a safe and positive learning environment free from disruptions. Students shall be expected to exhibit appropriate conduct that does not infringe upon the rights of others or interfere with the school program while on school grounds, going to or coming from school, at school activities, or using district transportation.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each school develops standards of conduct and discipline consistent with Board policies and administrative regulations. Students and parents/guardians shall be notified of district and school rules related to conduct.

Prohibited student conduct includes, but is not limited to:

1. Conduct that endangers students, staff, or others, including, but not limited to, physical violence, possession of a firearm or other weapon, and terrorist threats
2. Discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying of students or staff, including sexual harassment, hate-motivated behavior, cyberbullying, hazing or initiation activity, extortion, or any other verbal, written, or physical conduct that causes or threatens to cause violence, bodily harm, or substantial disruption to the school program
3. Conduct that disrupts the orderly classroom or school environment
4. Willful defiance of staff's authority
5. Damage to or theft of property belonging to students, staff, or the district
6. Obscene acts or use of profane, vulgar, or abusive language
7. Possession, use, or being under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, or other prohibited substances
8. Possession or use of a laser pointer, unless for a valid instructional or other school-related purpose with prior permission of the principal or designee (Penal Code 417.27)
9. Use of a cell phone, smart watch, pager, or other mobile communication device during instructional time or in an unauthorized manner in violation of district policy
10. Plagiarism or dishonesty on school work or tests
11. Wearing of any attire that violates district or school dress codes, including gang-related apparel
12. Tardiness or unexcused absence from school
13. Failure to remain on school premises in accordance with school rules

Employees are expected to enforce standards of conduct and, when they observe or receive a report of a violation of these standards, to appropriately intervene or seek assistance. As necessary, the employee shall refer the matter to a supervisor or the principal or designee.

When a school employee suspects that a search of a student or a student's belongings will turn up evidence of the student's violation of the law or school rules, such a search shall be conducted in accordance with BP/AR 5145.12 - Search and Seizure.

When a student uses any prohibited device, or uses a permitted device in an unauthorized manner, a district employee may confiscate the device. The employee shall store the device securely until it is returned to the student or turned over to the principal or designee, as appropriate.

Students who violate district or school rules and regulations may be subject to discipline including, but not limited to, suspension, expulsion, transfer to alternative programs, referral to a student success team or counseling services, or denial of participation in extracurricular or cocurricular activities or other privileges in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. The Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement as appropriate.

Students also may be subject to discipline, in accordance with law, Board policy, or administrative regulation, for any off-campus conduct during nonschool hours which poses a threat or danger to the safety of students, staff, or district property, or substantially disrupts school activities.

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	Description
5 CCR 300-307	Duties of students (https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Browse/Home/California/CaliforniaCodeofRegulations?guid=I2A983D204C6911EC93A8000D3A7C4BC3&transitionType=Default&contextData=%28sc.Default%29#I2A99EAD34C6911EC93A8000D3A7C4BC3)
Civ. Code 1714.1	Liability of parent or guardian for act of willful misconduct by a minor (http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=1714.1&lawCode=CIV)
Ed. Code 200-270	Prohibition of discrimination (http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?division=1&chapter=2&part=1&lawCode=EDC&title=1&article=1)
Ed. Code 32280-32289.5	School safety plans (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=EDC&division=1&title=1&part=19&chapter=2.5&article=5)
Ed. Code 35181	Governing board authority to set policy on responsibilities of students (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=EDC&sectionNum=35181)
Ed. Code 35291-35291.5	Rules (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=EDC&division=3&title=2&part=21&chapter=2&article=10)
Ed. Code 44807	Teachers' duty concerning conduct of students (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=EDC&sectionNum=44807)
Ed. Code 48900-48925	Suspension and expulsion (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=EDC&division=4&title=2&part=27&chapter=6&article=1)
Ed. Code 51512	Prohibition against electronic listening or recording device in classroom without permission (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=EDC&sectionNum=51512)
Pen. Code 288.2	Harmful matter with intent to seduce (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=PEN&sectionNum=288.2)

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Pen. Code 313	Harmful matter (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=PEN&sectionNum=313.)
Pen. Code 417.25-417.27	Laser scope or laser pointer (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=PEN&division=&title=11.&part=1.&chapter=&article=)
Pen. Code 647	Use of camera or other instrument to invade person's privacy; misdemeanor (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=PEN&sectionNum=647.)
Pen. Code 653.2	Electronic communication devices; threats to safety (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=PEN&sectionNum=653.2.)
Veh. Code 23123-23124	Prohibitions against use of electronic devices while driving (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=VEH&division=11.&title=&part=&chapter=12.&article=1.)

Federal	Description
20 USC 1681-1688	Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; discrimination based on sex ()

Management Resources	Description
California Department of Education Publication	Bullying at School, 2003 (https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss/se/documents/bullyingatschool.pdf)
Court Decision	Lavine v. Blaine School District (2001, 9th Cir.) 257 F.3d 981 ()
Court Decision	New Jersey v. T.L.O. (1985) 469 U.S. 325 ()
Court Decision	Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District (1969) 393 U.S. 503 ()
Court Decision	Bethel School District No. 403 v. Fraser (1986) 478 U.S. 675 ()
Court Decision	Emmett v. Kent School District No. 415 (2000) 92 F.Supp. 1088 ()
Court Decision	J.C. v. Beverly Hills Unified School District (2010) 711 F.Supp.2d 1094 ()
Court Decision	LaVine v. Blaine School District (2000, 9th Cir.) 257 F.3d 981 ()
CSBA Publication	Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards, Policy Brief, July 2007 ()
CSBA Publication	Providing a Safe, Nondiscriminatory School Environment for All Students, Policy Brief, April 2010 ()
CSBA Publication	Safe Schools: Strategies for Governing Boards to Ensure Student Success, 2011 (https://www.csba.org/GovernanceAndPolicyResources/ConditionsOfChildren/~/~/~media/722EF232A117447F9711112F75FBC212.ashx)
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services (https://legalservices.csba.org/)
Website	National School Safety Center (http://www.schoolsafety.us)
Website	Center for Safe and Responsible Internet Use (https://www.ewa.org/organization/center-safe-and-responsible-internet-use)
Website	California Department of Education, Safe Schools (http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss)
Website	CSBA (http://www.csba.org)
Website	U.S. Department of Education (http://www.ed.gov)

Cross References

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3513.4	Drug And Alcohol Free Schools (/Policy/ViewPolicy.aspx?S=36030557&revid=7t2TdyEzElhg0ydo8RMpXg==)
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4219.21	Professional Standards (/Policy/ViewPolicy.aspx?S=36030557&revid=Js7o5kmSfe3DpApWEvIkxA==)
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