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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, Superintendent 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:

- The student's custodial parent/guardian
- An adult authorized in the county’s student information system as an individual 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
- An authorized law enforcement officer acting in accordance with law
- 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 the 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. (*Education Code 49390*)

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 county administrator.

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

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 Identification Cards and Safety Information

Student identification cards of students in grades 7-12 shall have printed on them the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-7233). Additionally, student identification cards of students in grades 7-12 may have printed on them a quick response (QR) code that links to the county's mental health resources website. (*Education Code 215.5*)

Student Safety Patrols

Student safety patrols are optional. 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 the student's parents/guardians. Patrol members shall be at least 10 years of age 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 county-sponsored events unless the activity is properly supervised, students wear protective gear as appropriate, and each participant has insurance coverage:

- Trampolining
- Scuba diving
- Skateboarding or use of scooters
- In-line or roller skating or use of skate shoes
- Sailing, boating, or water skiing
- Cross-country or downhill skiing
- Motorcycling
- Target shooting
- Horseback riding
- Rodeo
- Archery
- Mountain bicycling
- Rock climbing
- Rocketeering
- Surfing

Body Contact Sports

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 a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, or roller skates to 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 county 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 county's chemical hygiene plan.

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

The county'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 county. (*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.

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 14030 Preliminary procedure, planning and approval of school facilities
 5 CCR 14103 Authority of the driver
 5 CCR 202 Exclusion of students with a contagious disease
 5 CCR 5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils
 5 CCR 5552 Playground supervision
 5 CCR 5570 When school shall be open and teachers present
 5 CCR 570-576 School safety patrols
 Ed. Code 32001 Fire alarms and drills
 Ed. Code 32020 School gates; entrances for emergency vehicles
 Ed. Code 32030-32034 Eye safety
 Ed. Code 32040 Duty to equip school with first aid kit
 Ed. Code 32225-32226 Communications devices in classrooms
 Ed. Code 32240-32245 Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act
 Ed. Code 32250-32254 CDE school safety and security resources unit
 Ed. Code 44807 Teachers' duty concerning conduct of students
 Ed. Code 44808 Exemption from liability when students are not on school property
 Ed. Code 44808.5 Permission for students to leave school grounds; notice (high school)
 Ed. Code 45450-45451 Crossing guards
 Ed. Code 48900 Hazing
 Ed. Code 49300-49307 School safety patrols
 Ed. Code 49330-49335 Injurious objects
 Ed. Code 49341 Hazardous materials in school science laboratories
 Ed. Code 51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety
 Ed. Code 8482-8484.6 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 equipment usable by persons with disabilities
 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

Management Resources Description

American Society for Testing and Materials F 1487-05, Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use, 2017
 California Department of Education Publication Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools, 2014
 Court Decision Wiener v. Southcoast Childcare Centers, (2004) 32 Cal.4th 1138
 Court Decision Lane v. City of Sacramento, (2010) 183 Cal. App. 4th. 1337
 Court Decision Knight v. Jewett, (1992) 3 Cal.4th 296, 313
 Court Decision Kahn v. East Side Union High School District, (2003) 31 Cal.4th 990
 Court Decision J.H. v. Los Angeles Unified School District, (2010) 183 Cal.App.4th 123
 Court Decision Hoyem v. Manhattan Beach City School District, (1978) 22 Cal. 3d 508
 Court Decision Dailey v. Los Angeles Unified School District, (1970) 2 Cal 3d 741
 U.S. Consumer Product Safety Comm Publication Public Playground Safety Handbook, 2010
 Website National Recreation and Park Association, Certified Playground Safety Inspector Certification
 Website U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 Website U.S. Department of Education, Safe Schools
 Website U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Website Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Website California Department of Public Health
Website California Department of Education, Safe Schools
Website American Society for Testing and Materials

Cross References Code Description

0450 Comprehensive Safety Plan
1250 Visitors/Outsiders
1330.1 Joint Use Agreements
3452 Student Activity Funds
3512 Equipment
3512-E(1) Equipment
3514 Environmental Safety
3514.1 Hazardous Substances
3515 Campus Security
3515.21 Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones)
3515.5 Sex Offender Notification
3516 Emergencies And Disaster Preparedness Plan
3516.5 Emergency Schedules
3530 Risk Management/Insurance
4119.42 Exposure Control Plan For Bloodborne Pathogens
4119.42-E(1) Exposure Control Plan For Bloodborne Pathogens
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5020 Parent Rights And Responsibilities
5021 Noncustodial Parents
5131 Conduct
5131.1 Bus Conduct
5131.4 Student Disturbances
5137 Positive School Climate
5138 Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation
5141.22 Infectious Diseases
5141.23 Asthma Management
5141.4 Child Abuse Prevention And Reporting
5142.1 Identification And Reporting Of Missing Children
5142.2 Safe Routes To School Program
5143 Insurance
5144 Discipline
5144.1 Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process
5145.11 Questioning And Apprehension By Law Enforcement
6142.93 Science Instruction
6145.2 Athletic Competition
6153 School-Sponsored Trips
6163.2 Animals At School