Safety

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The Board of Education recognizes the importance of providing a safe school environment that is conducive to learning and promotes student safety and well-being. Appropriate measures shall be implemented to minimize the risk of harm to students, including, but not limited to, protocols for maintaining safe conditions on school grounds, promoting safe use of school facilities and equipment, and guiding student participation in educational programs and school-sponsored activities.

Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall regularly review current guidance regarding cybersecurity and digital media awareness and incorporate recommended practices into the district's processes and procedures related to the protection of the district's network infrastructure, and the monitoring and response to suspicious and/or threatening digital media content.

District staff shall be responsible for the proper supervision of students at all times when students are subject to district rules, including, but not limited to, during school hours, district-sponsored activities, before and after-school programs, morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, and while students are using district provided transportation.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students receive appropriate instruction on topics related to safety and emergency procedures, as well as, injury and disease prevention.

Crossing Guards

To assist students in safely crossing streets adjacent to or near school sites, the Board may employ crossing guards. The Superintendent or designee shall periodically examine traffic patterns within school attendance areas in order to identify locations where assistance may be needed.

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.

Legal References:

STATE

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

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 350 Fees not permitted
5 CCR 5552 Playground supervision
5 CCR 5570 When school shall be open and teachers present
5 CCR 570-576 School safety patrols

EDUCATION CODE

17280-17317 Field Act; approval of plans and supervision of construction
17365-17374 Field Act; fitness for occupancy; liability of board members
17670 Shade structures
215.5 Student identification cards; safety information

32001 Fire alarms and drills
32020 School gates; entrances for emergency vehicles
32030-32034 Eye safety
32040 Duty to equip school with first aid kit
32225-32226 Communications devices in classrooms
32240-32245 Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act
32250-32254 CDE School Safety and Security Resource Unit
32280-32289.5 School safety plans
35179.6 School-sponsored on-campus event in or around swimming pool
38134 Use of school property
44807 Teachers' duty concerning conduct of students
44808 Exemption from liability when students are not on school property
44808.5 Permission for high school students to leave school grounds; notice
45450-45451 Crossing guards
48900 Grounds for suspension or expulsion
49300-49307 School safety patrols
49330-49335 Injurious objects
49341 Hazardous materials in school science laboratories
49390-49395 Homicide threats
51140 Water safety
51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety
51860 Time and facilities for bicycle and scooter safety instruction
8482-8484.65 After School Education and Safety Program
GOVERNMENT CODE
810-996.6 California Tort Claims Act
HEALTH & SAFETY CODE
115725-115735 Playground safety
115775-115800 Wooden playground equipment
116046 Issuance of best practices guidelines for K-12 pool safety
PENAL CODE
245.6 Hazing
PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE 5411
Purchase of playground equipment usable by persons with disabilities
STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE 894
Statewide safety and training programs; electric bicycles
VEHICLE CODE
21100 Rules and regulations; crossing guards
21212 Use of helmets
42200 Fines and forfeitures; disposition by cities
42201 Fines and forfeitures; disposition by counties
21201 Rules for operation of bicycle on roadway

FEDERAL

UNITED STATES CODES
6 USC 665k Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-Based Practices

MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS PUBLICATION
ASTM F1 1487-21, Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATION
Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools, 2014
COURT DECISIONS
Knight v. Jewett (1992) 3 Cal.4th 296
Lane v. City of Sacramento (2010) 183 Cal. App. 4th. 1337
J.H. v. Los Angeles Unified School District (2010) 183 Cal.App.4th 123
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

STATE OF CALIFORNIA PUBLICATION

Protecting Californians from Extreme Heat: A State Action Plan to Build Community Resilience, April 2022

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMM PUBLICATION

Public Playground Safety Handbook, 2015

WEBSITES

Vulnerable Road Users https://www.chp.ca.gov/Programs-Services/Services-Information/Bike-and-Ped-Safety
U.S. Department of Education, School Safety and Security
https://www.ed.gov/teaching-and-administration/safe-learning-environments/school-safety-and-security
Online e-bike safety and training program
https://www.calbike.org/new-e-bike-training-resources-come-online/
Schoolsafety.gov https://www.schoolsafety.gov/about
U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Fusion Centers https://www.dhs.gov/fusion-centers
California State Threat Assessment System https://calstas.org/
California Office of Emergency Services https://www.caloes.ca.gov/
CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services https://legalservices.csba.org/
National Recreation and Park Association, Certified Playground Safety Inspector Certification
https://www.nrpa.org/certification/CPSI/
American Society for Testing and Materials http://www.astm.org/
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission http://www.cpsc.gov/
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency http://www.epa.gov/
California Department of Education, Safe Schools
https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-offices/oese/safe-supportive-schools
California Department of Public Health http://www.cdph.ca.gov/
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention http://www.cdc.gov/
CSBA http://www.csba.org/

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