



## BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

### BOARD POLICY – **CAMPUS SECURITY**

BP 3515

The Santa Barbara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools are committed to providing a school environment that promotes the safety of students, staff, and visitors to school grounds. The Board of Education and Superintendent also recognize the importance of protecting SBCEO property, facilities, and equipment from vandalism and theft.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop campus security procedures, which may be included in the SBCEO's comprehensive safety plan and/or site-level safety plans. Such procedures shall be regularly reviewed to reflect changed circumstances and to assess their effectiveness in achieving safe school objectives.

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

#### **Reporting Threats**

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 program or other SBCEO administrator.

## Surveillance Systems

In consultation with the SBCEO's Safety Team, safety planning committee, other relevant stakeholders, and staff, the Superintendent or designee shall identify appropriate locations for the placement of surveillance cameras. Cameras shall not be placed in areas where students, staff, or community members have a reasonable expectation of privacy. Any audio capability on the SBCEO's surveillance equipment shall be disabled so that sounds are not recorded.

Prior to the operation of the surveillance system, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that signs are posted at conspicuous and targeted locations around school buildings and grounds. These signs shall state that the facility uses video surveillance equipment for security purposes and that the equipment may or may not be actively monitored at any time. The Superintendent or designee shall also provide prior written notice to students and parents/guardians about the SBCEO's surveillance system, including the locations where surveillance may occur and that the recordings may be used in disciplinary proceedings and/or referred to local law enforcement, as appropriate.

To the extent that any images from the SBCEO's surveillance system create a student or personnel record, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the images are accessed, retained, and disclosed in accordance with law, Board policy, administrative regulation, and any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

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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 County Superintendent of Schools or designee to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

#### State

24 CCR 1010.1.11  
24 CCR 1010.1.9  
CA Constitution Article 1, Section 28(c)  
Ed. Code 17583  
Ed. Code 32020  
Ed. Code 32211  
Ed. Code 35160.1  
Ed. Code 38000-38005  
Ed. Code 49050-49051  
Ed. Code 49060-49079  
Pen. Code 469  
  
Pen. Code 626-626.11

#### Description

Lockable doors from the inside  
Door operations  
[Right to Safe Schools](#)  
Classroom security locks, modernization projects  
School gates; entrances for emergency vehicles  
Threatened disruption or interference with classes  
Broad authority of school districts  
Security departments  
Searches by school employees  
Student records  
Unauthorized making, duplicating or possession of key to public building  
Crimes on school grounds

#### Management Resources

Attorney General Opinion  
Attorney General Opinion  
Court Decision  
Court Decision  
CSBA Publication

#### Description

83 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 257 (2000)  
75 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 155 (1992)  
New Jersey v. T.L.O. (1985) 469 U.S. 325  
Brannum v. Overton County School Board (2008) 516 F. 3d 489  
Safe Schools: A Planning Guide for Action, 2002

National Institute of Justice Publication

The Appropriate and Effective Use of Security Technologies in  
U.S. Schools: A Guide for Schools and Law Enforcement  
Agencies, rev. 2005

Website

[U.S. Department of Education, Protecting Student Privacy](#)

Website

[National School Safety Center](#)

Website

[National Institute of Justice](#)

Website

[California Department of Education, Safe Schools](#)

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