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A student involved or attempting to be involved in any of the following prohibited activities may be subject to discipline:

1. Disturbing the peace, including, but not limited to, causing or attempting to cause a riot, burning or destroying property, fighting, challenging another to fight, or using offensive words likely to provoke a fight
2. Disrupting district operations, including, but not limited to, making statements that are obscene, libelous, or slanderous or so incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on school premises or the violation of lawful school regulations, or substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school (Education Code 48907)

Other examples of activities that may disrupt district operations include, but are not limited to:

- a. Organizing or participating in unauthorized assemblies on district premises
- b. Participating in sit-ins or stand-ins which deny students or employees normal access to district premises
- c. Refusing to disperse, including, but not limited to, assembling for the purpose of causing a disruption and refusing to disperse upon the direction of district personnel
- d. Participating in any protest that involves nonattendance where attendance is required at school, class, or at a school activity and the protest significantly disrupts instruction or other school activities

Any student who is absent from class or school due to participation in Items #2a-d above shall be given an unexcused absence, regardless of any parent/guardian approval of the absence.

However, upon providing advanced notice and in accordance with Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5113 - Absences and Excuses, a student in middle or high school shall be permitted one excused absence per school year in order to participate in a civic or political event such as voting, poll working,

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strikes, public commenting, or attending candidate speeches, political or civic forums, or town halls. (Education Code 48205)

3. Interfering with or unauthorized use of district technology

When a disturbance is ongoing, and the principal or designee believes that additional students might become involved in the disturbance if not in class, such as during passing periods, the principal or designee may notify all staff that any class currently in session will be extended until further notice. Upon receiving this notification, staff shall ensure that all students in their charge remain in one location under their supervision and shall ask all students who are in the halls to return to their classes immediately.

Additionally, the principal may request the Superintendent to dismiss school in accordance with the school disturbance management plan.

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 Governing Board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State

CA Constitution Article 1, Section 2

Ed. Code 32210

Ed. Code 32211

Ed. Code 32280-32289.6

Ed. Code 35160

Ed. Code 38000-38005

Ed. Code 44810

Ed. Code 44811

Ed. Code 48205

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Ed. Code 51512

Pen. Code 243.5

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Pen. Code 626-626.11

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Pen. Code 627-627.10

Pen. Code 653b

Federal

U.S. Constitution, First Amendment

Management Resources

Court Decision

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Dariano v. Morgan Hill Unified School District (2014)

767 F.3d 764

[Practical Information on Crisis Planning: A Guide for Schools and Communities, Jan. 2007](#)

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

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

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