

Fresno Unified Board Policy (BP) 3515

School Safety And Security

The Governing Board is committed to providing a school environment that promotes the safety of students, staff, and visitors to school grounds. The Board also recognizes the importance of protecting district property, facilities, and equipment from vandalism and theft.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop campus security procedures, which may be included in the district'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 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.

The principal of each school shall ensure that their school has completed the district Safe School Plan with site-specific information, which includes strategies for preventing crime and violence on school premises. The Board encourages principals to solicit the participation of local law enforcement agencies, staff, parents/guardians and students in the development of these plans.

For purposes of school safety and security, the Superintendent or designee shall design a photo identification for all employees.

Photo I.D. shall be worn by all employees and Board members on school district premises and at all school functions.

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 school or district administrator.

Surveillance Systems

In consultation with the district's school site council, safety planning committee, other relevant educational partners, 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 district's surveillance equipment shall be disabled so that sounds are not recorded.

To the extent that any images from the district'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.

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)
(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)
(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)
(cf. 5131 - Student Conduct)
(cf. 5131.4 - Campus Disturbances)
(cf. 5131.5 - Theft, Vandalism and Graffiti)
(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)
(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)
(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Reporting Procedures)
(cf. 5142 - Student Safety)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 6114 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17070.10 – 17079.30 Leroy F. Greene Schools Facilities Act
17583 Classroom security locks; modernization projects
32020 School gates; entrances for emergency vehicles
32211 Threatened disruption or interference with classes
32280-32289.5 School safety plans
38000-38005 Security departments
49060-49079 Student records
49390-49395 Homicide threats

GOVERNMENT CODE

11549.3 Independent security assessment

PENAL CODE

469 Unauthorized making, duplicating or possession of key to public building
626-626.11 Weapons on school grounds and other school crimes

Management Resources:

CDE PUBLICATIONS

Safe Schools: A Planning Guide for Action, 1995

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Protecting Our Schools: Governing Board Strategies to Combat School Violence, 1995 Policy

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 6

665K Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-Based Practices

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 34

99.3 Definition of education records

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