

## **Fresno Unified Board Policy (BP) 5000**

### **Concepts And Roles**

The Governing Board shall make every effort to maintain a safe, positive school environment and student services that promote student welfare and academic achievement. The Board expects students to make a good use of learning opportunities by demonstrating regular attendance, appropriate conduct, and respect for others. The focus of the school system is on the student. This shall be accomplished through the Boards policies and the administration's regulations related to attendance, health examinations, records, grades, and student conduct. The school district shall work closely with parents/guardians and the community in order to achieve a harmony of interests.

*(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)*

*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*

*(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)*

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

Students must be recognized and understood as individuals, each with their own unique abilities, social and economic background, ambitions and educational needs. The programs and services of the district must be designed and executed with this concept well in mind if the fullest development of each is to be achieved.

The Board is fully committed to providing equal educational opportunities and keeping the schools free from discriminatory practices. The Board shall not tolerate the intimidation or harassment of any student for any reason.

*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*

Students are expected to accept personal responsibility for making maximum use of their educational opportunities by applying themselves diligently to the enterprise of learning both in the classroom and in other school-sponsored settings. It is also expected that as a result of the total school experience students will come to appreciate the value of self-discipline, responsibility, respect for others, their country and its governmental processes.

When conducting hearings related to discipline, attendance and other student matters, the Board shall afford students their due process rights in accordance with law.

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

*(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

*(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)*

*Fresno Unified School District prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived race, color, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, ancestry, age, creed, religion, political affiliation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, mental or physical disability, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy or parental status, medical information, military veteran status, or association with a person or a group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics or any other basis protected by law or regulation, in its educational program(s) or employment.*

Legal Reference:  
EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards  
35160.1 Broad authority of school districts  
35291-35291.5 Rules  
TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972 Policy

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