

## 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.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

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)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and keep parents/guardians and students well informed about school and district rules and regulations related to attendance, health examinations, records, grades and student conduct. 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)

The focus of the school system is on the student. It is incumbent upon the governing Board, district and school administration and teachers to provide for the physical and intellectual welfare of the students in their charge. This shall be accomplished through the Boards policies and the administration's regulations. The school district shall work closely with parents/guardians and the community in order to achieve a harmony of interests.

Students must be recognized and understood as individuals, each with his/her 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.

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.

The Board will attempt to erase any limitations of facilities and means that stand in the way of our school's availability to all who wish to learn in this school system.

Discrimination among students applying for admission to or attending our schools with respect to color, race, sex, religion, ancestry, handicap, or national origin is prohibited.

(cf. 5145.3-Nondiscrimination)

#### Role of Governing Board

The Board:

1. Establishes policies to provide the best attainable program of education for the district's students.
2. Authorizes the establishment of special classes, programs, or other facilities for students who are in need of special education in keeping with all legal provisions.
3. Provides for the physical and mental well-being of students.
4. Determines policies regarding student behavior and attendance within the limits of the law.

#### Role of Superintendent or Designee

The Superintendent or Designee:

1. Administers all schools and classes established by the Board.
2. Directs the instruction, guidance and discipline of all students.
3. Provides leadership and guidance to establish the pattern of education to be offered to students.
4. Makes assignments of students to the different buildings or grades as may improve their education, reduce the expense of maintaining schools, or relieve overcrowded conditions.
5. Has general charge of the enforcement of the compulsory attendance law and the issuance of work permits.
6. Has immediate authority for the closing of schools in case of emergencies involving the health and safety of students.

#### Working Relationships of Board and Superintendent or Designee

Student welfare and guidance is the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee with the exception of the expulsion of students, which the Board may not delegate.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-261 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

35291-35291.5 Rules

TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972

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