

Safety

The Governing Board is responsible for ensuring that proper attention is paid to the safety of students.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement regulations which will ensure as safe an educational environment as possible.

Although the district is not liable for the safety of students who are not under school supervision, the school district can, and does, hold students accountable for their behavior from the time they leave their homes for school until they return to their homes from school, in the playgrounds and during recess, and while they are on school premises and/or under supervision of school district personnel. (Education Codes 44807, 44808)

Principals, teachers and bus drivers are responsible for the conduct and safety of students from the time they come under school supervision until they leave school supervision, whether on school premises or not.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

The school district, Board members and district employees shall not be held liable for the safety and conduct of students who leave the school grounds as allowed by the Board's policy. (Education Code 44808.5)

(cf. 5112.5 - Open/Closed Campus)

A minor student shall not be released to leave school in the custody of a person other than the student's parent/guardian unless that person has the verified authorization of the parent(s)/guardian(s). Properly authorized law officers may seize or apprehend according to law.

(cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension)

It is the responsibility of the principal to provide for adequate supervision of playgrounds and other school facilities at all times they are in use by students during the school day or at school-sponsored activities. Special attention should be given to the prevention of accidents and to the development of habits of good citizenship.

(cf. 5141.1 - Accidents)

The principal should make full use of the cooperative services of local and county organizations which provide safety services, such as fire, law enforcement and disaster preparedness agencies.

(cf. 6114 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness)

Missing Children

Consistent with district efforts to create a safe and secure environment for children and in order to assist in locating missing children, the Board recognizes that all employees of the district must be made aware of the plight of missing children. Each principal shall be responsible for seeing that information on missing children is posted in the school.

Eye Protection Devices

The Superintendent or designee is directed to develop regulations which require that eye protective devices are worn by students, teachers and visitors at any time when they are engaged in or observing an activity or using hazardous substances or equipment likely to cause injury to the eyes. (Education Code 32030, 32031)

The Board shall provide eye safety devices required by law at the district expense. (Education Code 32033)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32001 Fire alarms and drills

32020 School gates; entrances for emergency vehicles

32030-32034 School eye safety

32040 First aid equipment

32200 Fire drills

40048 Missing children; posting of information

44807 Duty of teachers concerning conduct of pupils to hold them accountable for conduct to and from schools, on playgrounds, and during recess

44808 Exemption from liability when students are not on school property

44808.5 Permission for pupils to leave school grounds; notice (high school)

48900 Hazing

49068.5 Missing children; transfers

49341 Need for safety in school science laboratories

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

PENAL CODE

245.6 Hazing

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

202 Exclusion of pupils with a contagious disease

351 Work or services as required of pupils

14103 Bus driver; authority over pupils

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