Students

Safety

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of providing a safe school environment that is conducive to learning and promotes student safety and well-being. Appropriate measures shall be implemented to minimize the risk of harm to students, including, but not limited to, protocols for maintaining safe conditions on school grounds, promoting safe use of school facilities and equipment, and guiding student participation in educational programs and school-sponsored activities.

School staff shall be responsible for the proper supervision of students at all times when students are subject to district rules, including, but not limited to, during school hours, school-sponsored activities, before and after-school programs, morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, and while students are using district transportation.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students receive appropriate instruction on topics related to safety and emergency procedures, as well as injury and disease prevention.

Crossing Guards/Student Safety Patrol
To assist students in safely crossing streets adjacent to or near school sites, the Board may employ crossing guards and/or establish a student safety patrol at any district school. The Superintendent or designee shall periodically examine traffic patterns within school attendance areas in order to identify locations where crossing assistance may be needed.

Student Identification Cards and Safety Information
Student identification cards of students in grades 7-12 shall have printed on them safety information, including the following: (Education Code 215.5, 217)

1. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline telephone number and, at the district’s discretion, the Crisis Text Line and/or a local suicide prevention hotline telephone number

2. The National Domestic Violence Hotline

State Reference          Description
5 CCR 14030              Preliminary procedure, planning and approval of school facilities
5 CCR 14103              Authority of the driver
5 CCR 202                Exclusion of students with a contagious disease
5 CCR 5531               Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils
5 CCR 5552               Playground supervision
5 CCR 5570               When school shall be open and teachers present
5 CCR 570-576            School safety patrols
Ed. Code 17280-17317     Approval of plans and supervision of construction
Ed. Code 17365-17374     Fitness of buildings for occupancy; liability of board members
Ed. Code 32001            Fire alarms and drills
Ed. Code 32020            School gates; entrances for emergency vehicles
Ed. Code 32030-32034     Eye safety
Ed. Code 32040            Duty to equip school with first aid kit
Ed. Code 32225-32226     Communications devices in classrooms
Ed. Code 32240-32245     Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act
Ed. Code 32250-32254     CDE school safety and security resources unit
Ed. Code 32280-32289     School safety plans
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Ed. Code 44807 Teachers' duty concerning conduct of students
Ed. Code 44808 Exemption from liability when students are not on school property
Ed. Code 44808.5 Permission for students to leave school grounds; notice (high school)
Ed. Code 45450-45451 Crossing guards
Ed. Code 48900 Hazing
Ed. Code 49300-49307 School safety patrols
Ed. Code 49330-49335 Injurious objects
Ed. Code 49341 Hazardous materials in school science laboratories
Ed. Code 51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety
Ed. Code 8482-8484.6 After School Education and Safety Program
Gov. Code 810-996.6 California Tort Claims Act
H&S Code 115725-115735 Playground safety
H&S Code 115775-115800 Wooden playground equipment
H&S Code 116046 Issuance of best practices guidelines for K-12 pool safety
Pen. Code 245.6 Hazing
Pub. Res. Code 5411 Purchase of equipment usable by persons with disabilities
Veh. Code 21100 Rules and regulations; crossing guards
Veh. Code 21212 Use of helmets
Veh. Code 42200 Fines and forfeitures, disposition by cities
Veh. Code 42201 Fines and forfeitures, disposition by counties
Vehicle Code 21201 Rules for operation of bicycle on roadway

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Safety

Each principal or designee shall establish emergency procedures, rules for student conduct, and rules for the safe and appropriate use of school facilities, equipment, and materials, consistent with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. The rules shall be communicated to students, distributed to parents/guardians, and readily available at the school at all times.

Release of Students

Students shall be released during the school day only to the custody of an adult who is one of the following:

1. The student's custodial parent/guardian
2. An adult authorized on the student's emergency card as someone to whom the student may be released when the custodial parent/guardian cannot be reached, provided the principal or designee verifies the adult's identity
3. An authorized law enforcement officer acting in accordance with law
4. An adult taking the student to emergency medical care at the request of the principal or designee

Supervision of Students

Teachers shall be present at their respective rooms and shall open them to admit students not less than 5 minutes before the time that school starts. (5 CCR 5570)

Every teacher shall hold students accountable for their conduct on the way to and from school, on the playgrounds, and during recess. (Education Code 44807)

The principal or designee shall require all individuals supervising students to remain alert for unauthorized persons and dangerous conditions, promptly report any such observations to the principal or designee, and file a written report as appropriate.

In arranging for appropriate supervision on playgrounds, the principal or designee shall:

1. Clearly identify supervision zones on the playground campus and require all playground supervisors to remain outside at a location from which they can observe their entire zone of supervision.
2. Consider the size of the campus and the number of areas that are not immediately visible to determine the ratio of supervisors to students.

At any school where supervision is not otherwise provided, the principal or designee shall provide for certificated or classified employees to supervise the conduct and safety of students who are on school grounds during break and lunchtime.
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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that employees who supervise students receive training in safety practices and in supervisory techniques that will help prevent problems and resolve conflicts among students. Such training shall be documented and kept on file.

Laboratory Safety
The principal of each school offering laboratory work shall develop procedures for laboratory safety and designate a trained certificated employee to implement and regularly review these procedures.

Students in a laboratory shall be under the supervision of a certificated employee. Students shall be taught laboratory safety, and safety guidelines and procedures shall be posted in science classrooms. Students shall receive continual reminders about general and specific hazards.

Hazardous materials shall be properly used, stored, and disposed of in accordance with law and the district's chemical hygiene plan.

Blood borne pathogens shall be handled in accordance with the district's exposure control plan.

The district's emergency plan, emergency contact numbers, and first aid supplies shall be readily accessible.

Parents/guardians shall be made aware of the kinds of laboratory activities that will be conducted during the school year.

Hearing Protection
The Superintendent or designee shall monitor students' exposure to excessive noise in classrooms and provide protection as necessary. The Superintendent or designee may also provide hearing conservation education to teach students ways to protect their hearing.

Eye Safety Devices
The Superintendent or designee shall provide schools with eye safety devices for use whenever students, teachers, or visitors are engaged in or observing an activity or using hazardous substances likely to cause injury to the eyes. Eye safety devices may be sold to students for an amount not to exceed their actual cost to the district. (Education Code 32030, 32031, 32033)

Protection Against Insect Bites
To help protect students against insect bites or stings that may spread disease or cause allergic reactions, students shall be allowed to apply insect repellent provided by their parents/guardians, under the supervision of school personnel, and in accordance with the manufacturer's directions, when engaging in outdoor activities.

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