

**DISCIPLINE**

The Board of Trustees desires to prepare students for responsible citizenship by fostering self-discipline and personal responsibility. The Board believes that high expectations for student behavior, effective classroom management, and parent involvement can minimize the need for discipline. Staff shall use preventative measures and positive conflict resolution techniques whenever possible. In addition, discipline shall be used in a manner that corrects student behavior without intentionally creating an adverse effect on student learning or health.

*(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)*  
*(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)*  
*(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)*  
*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*  
*(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)*  
*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

Board policies and administrative regulations shall outline acceptable student conduct and provide the basis for sound disciplinary practices. Each school shall develop disciplinary rules to meet the school's particular needs.

*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*  
*(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)*

At all times, the safety of students and staff and the maintenance of an orderly school environment shall be priorities in determining appropriate discipline. When misconduct occurs, staff shall attempt to identify the causes of the student's behavior and implement appropriate discipline. Persistently disruptive students may be assigned to alternative programs or removed from school in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)*  
*(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)*  
*(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)*  
*(cf. 5136 - Gangs)*  
*(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*  
*(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))*  
*(cf. 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)*  
*(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)*  
*(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)*  
*(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)*

Staff shall enforce disciplinary rules fairly, consistently, and in accordance with the district's nondiscrimination policies.

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*  
*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*

**DISCIPLINE** (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as necessary to assist staff in developing consistent classroom management skills, implementing effective disciplinary techniques, and establishing cooperative relationships with parents/guardians.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

32280-32288 School safety plans

35146 Closed sessions

35291 Rules

35291.5-35291.7 School-adopted discipline rules

37223 Weekend classes

44807.5 Restriction from recess

48900-48926 Suspension and expulsion

48980-48985 Notification of parent/guardian

49000-49001 Prohibition of corporal punishment

49330-49335 Injurious objects

CIVIL CODE

1714.1 Parental liability for child's misconduct

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

307 Participation in school activities until departure of bus

353 Detention after school

*Management Resources:*

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Maximizing Opportunities for Physical Activity during the School Day, Fact Sheet, 2009

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAM ADVISORIES

Classroom Management: A California Resource Guide for Teachers and Administrators of Elementary and Secondary Schools, 2000

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES

01-02 School Safety, Discipline, and Attendance, March 2001

WEB SITES

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>