

Students

Safety

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of providing a safe school environment in order to help ensure student safety and the prevention of student injury. The Superintendent or designee shall implement appropriate practices to minimize the risk of harm to students, including practices relative to school facilities and equipment, outdoor environment, educational programs and school-sponsored activities.

Staff shall be responsible for the proper supervision of students during school hours, while at school-sponsored activities and while students are using district transportation to and from school.

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

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

Crossing Guards/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 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 assistance may be needed.

Playgrounds

The Board recognizes that playgrounds present children with visible challenges which they may choose to take in order to test their skills and courage. Playground equipment shall be carefully selected and installed, so that while presenting such challenges, it minimizes accidents and present no unseen hazards. Safety shall receive prime consideration whenever playgrounds are planned or upgraded.

The principal or designee shall ensure that playgrounds and other school facilities are regularly inspected, well maintained, and adequately supervised whenever in use by students during the school day or at school-sponsored activities. The principal or designee shall establish playground safety rules.

Legal References:

Education Code

8482-8484.6 After School Learning and Safety Program
17280-17317 Building approvals (Field Act)
17365-17374 Fitness of school facilities for occupancy
32001 Fire alarms and drills
32020 School gates; entrances for emergency vehicles
32030-32034 Eye safety
32040 First aid equipment
32050-32051 Hazing
32225-32226 Two-way communication devices in classrooms
32240-32245 Lead-free schools
32250-32254 CDE school safety and security resources unit
44807 Duty of teachers concerning conduct of students
44808 Exemption from liability when students are not on school property
44808.5 Permission for students to leave school grounds; notice (high school)
45450-45451 Crossing Guards
48900 - Hazing
49300-49307 School safety patrol
49330-49335 Injurious objects
49341 Hazardous materials in school science laboratories
51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

Government Code

810-996.6 California Tort Claims Act, especially:

Health and Safety Code

115725-115750 Playground safety
115775-115800 Wooden playground equipment
115810-115816 Playground safety and recycling grants

Public Resources Code

5411 Purchase of equipment usable by physically disabled persons

Vehicle Code

21100 Rules and regulations; crossing guards
21212 Use of helmets
42200 Fines and forfeitures, disposition by cities
42201 Fines and forfeitures, disposition by counties

Code of Regulations, Title 5

202 Exclusion of students with a contagious disease
570-576 School safety patrols
5531 Supervision of social activities
5552 Playground supervision
5570 When school shall be open and teachers present

14103 Bus driver; authority over pupils

Code of Regulations, Title 22

65700-65750 Safety regulations for playgrounds; definitions and general standards

Court Decisions

Wiener v. Southcoast Childcare Centers, (2004) 32 Cal. 4th 1138

Kahn v. East Side Union High School District, (2003) 31
Cal. 4th 990

Hoyem v. Manhattan Beach City School District, (1978) 22Cal.3d508

Dailey v. Los Angeles Unified School District, (1970) 2Cal.3d 741

Management Resources:

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS

F 1487-05, Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for
Playground Equipment for Public Use, 2005

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

Handbook for Public Playground Safety, 1997.Pub. No. 325

WEB SITES

American Society for Testing and Materials: <http://www.astm.org>

California Department of Education, Safe Schools Office:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss>

California Department of Health Services: <http://www.dhs.ca.gov>

Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov>

Centers for Disease Control: <http://www.cdc.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Safe Schools:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/gtss.html>

Board Policy

5021 - Non-custodial Parents

6143 - Courses of Study

3514 - Environmental Safety

3515 - School Safety and Security

3515.2 - Intruders on Campus

5112.6 - Parental Notification - Absences

5131.1 - Bus Conduct

5141 - Health Care and Emergencies

5141.1 - Accidents

5141.4 - Child Abuse and Neglect (Reporting Procedures

5142.2 - Crossing Guards

5144 - Discipline

5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension

6114 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan

6145.2 - Interscholastic Competition

6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies

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