

Board Policy

BP 5142

Students

Safety

The Governing Board 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 the 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.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8482-8484.6 Before and After School Learning and Safe Neighborhood Partnerships 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
32270.5 Cellular telephones for classroom safety
32280-32288 Safety plans
35183.5 Sun protection
44807 Duty of teachers concerning conduct of students to and from schools, on playgrounds, and during recess
44808 Exemption from liability when students are not on school property
44808.5 Permission for students to leave school grounds; notice (high school)
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:
815 Liability for injuries generally; immunity of public entity
835 Conditions of liability
4450-4458 Access to public buildings by physically disabled persons

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
 21212 Use of helmets
 CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
 202 Exclusion of students with a contagious disease
 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
 Hoyem v. Manhattan Beach City School District, (1978) 22 Cal. 3d 508
 Dailey v. Los Angeles Unified School District, (1970) 2 Cal 3d 741
 Management Resources:
 OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHITECT ADVISORIES
 400.90 Death and Injury from Collapse of Free-Standing Walls
 U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
 Handbook for Public Playground Safety, 1997, Pub. No. 325
 AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS
 F 1487-98, Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specifications for Playground Equipment for Public Use, 1998
 CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL PUBLICATIONS
 Guidelines for School Programs to Prevent Skin Cancer, April 26, 2002
 WEB SITES
 CDE, School Safety Branch: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/spbranch/safety>
 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>

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