

Students

SAFETY

The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of providing a safe school environment that is conducive to learning and helps 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, but not limited to, practices relative to school facilities and equipment, the outdoor environment, educational programs and school-sponsored activities.

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

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

- (cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
- (cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)
- (cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
- (cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)
- (cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)
- (cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
- (cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
- (cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)
- (cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)
- (cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)
- (cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)
- (cf. 5131 - Conduct)
- (cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)
- (cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
- (cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
- (cf. 5142.1 - Identification and Reporting of Missing Children)
- (cf. 5143 - Insurance)
- (cf. 5144 - Discipline)
- (cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
- (cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)
- (cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies)
- (cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)
- (cf. 7111- Evaluating Existing Buildings)
- (cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)
- (cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 8482-8484.6 After School Education and Safety Program
- 17280-17317 Building approvals (Field Act)
- 17365-17374 Fitness of school facilities for occupancy

SAFETY (continued)

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
32280-32289 Safety plans
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
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

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) 22 Cal. 3d 508
Dailey v. Los Angeles Unified School District, (1970) 2 Cal 3d 741

SAFETY (continued)

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, Pub. No. 325, 1994, rev. 1997

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, Safe Schools Office: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/l/s/ss>

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

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

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

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: <http://www.cpsc.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Safe Schools:

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

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Students

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Each 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 distributed to parents/guardians and be readily available at the school at all times.

Release of Student to Adult

Students shall be released during the school day in the custody of an adult only if:

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

Playground Safety

Any new playground or any replacement of equipment or modification of components inside an existing playground shall conform to standards set forth by the American Society for Testing and Materials and the guidelines set forth by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. (Health and Safety Code 115725)

Any playground installed between January 1, 1994, and December 31, 1999, shall conform to these standards not later than 15 years after the date of installation. (Health and Safety Code 115725)

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.

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.

- (cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
- (cf. 5131 - Conduct)
- (cf. 5144 - Discipline)
- (cf. 5021 - Noncustodial Parents)
- (cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
- (cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)
- (cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension)
- (cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
- (cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

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