

SAFETY

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of providing a safe school environment in order to promote student safety and well being. Appropriate measures shall be implemented to minimize the risk of harm to students, including 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.

(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. 3515 - Campus Security)
(cf. 3515.21 - Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones))
(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. 5142.1 - Identification and Reporting of Missing Children)
(cf. 5142.2 - Crossing Guards)
(cf. 5143 - Insurance)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)
(cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies)
(cf. 7111- Evaluating Existing Buildings)

School staff shall be responsible for the proper supervision of students at all time when students are subject to district rule, 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, injury prevention and disease prevention.

Student Identification Cards and Safety Information

Student identification cards of students in grades 7-8 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

(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)

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2. The National Domestic Violence Hotline

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

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*
35183.5 *Sun protection*
32280-32288 *Safety plans*
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*
116046 *Issuance of best practices guidelines for K-12 pool safety*

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

5411 *Purchase of equipment usable by persons with disabilities*
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5411 *Purchase of equipment usable by persons with disabilities*

VEHICLE CODE

21212 *Use of helmets*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

Legal Reference continued:

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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*
14030 *Standards for development of plans for the design and construction of school facilities*
14103 *Bus driver; authority over pupils*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

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

COURT DECISIONS

J.H. v. Los Angeles Unified School District, (2010) 183 Cal.App.4th 123
Lane v. City of Sacramento, (2010) 183 Cal. App. 4th. 1337
Wiener v. Southcoast Childcare Centers, (2004) 32 Cal.4th 1138
Kahn v. East Side Union High School District, (2003) 31 Cal.4th 990
Knight v. Jewett, (1992) 3 Cal.4th 296, 313
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:

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS

F 1487-05, Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use, 2017

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools, 2014

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

Public Playground Safety Handbook, 2010

WEB SITES

American Society for Testing and Materials: <http://www.astm.org>
California Department of Education, Safe Schools Office: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/lss/>
California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.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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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 the students, distributed to parents/guardians and readily available at the school at all times.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

(cf. 5021 - Noncustodial Parents)

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

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

3. An authorized law enforcement officer acting in accordance with law

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

(cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension)

(cf. 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement)

4. An adult is taking the student to emergency medical care at the request of the principal or designee

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

Supervision of Students

Teachers shall be present at their respective rooms and shall open them to admit students not less than 30 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)

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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.

(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)
(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

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

1. Clearly identify supervision zones on the playground 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 playground area, the number of areas that are not immediately visible, and the age of the students to determine the ratio of playground supervisors to students

At any school where playground supervision is not otherwise provided, the principal or designee shall provide for certificated employees to supervise the conduct and safety, and direct the play, of students who are on school grounds before and after school and during recess and other intermissions. (5 CCR 5552)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers, teacher aides, playground supervisors, yard aides, and volunteers 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.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)
(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

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. The Superintendent or designee shall have a playground safety inspector certified by the National Playground Safety Institute conduct an initial inspection to aid compliance with applicable safety standards. (Health and Safety Code 115725)

SAFETY (continued)**Activities with Safety Risks**

Due to concerns about the risk to student safety, the principal or designee shall not permit the AR following activities on campus or during school-sponsored events unless the activity is properly supervised, students wear protective gear as appropriate, and each participant has insurance coverage:

1. Trampolining
2. Scuba diving
3. Skateboarding or use of scooters
4. In-line or roller skating or use of skate shoes
5. Sailing, boating, or water skiing
6. Cross-country or downhill skiing
7. Motorcycling
8. Target shooting
9. Horseback riding
10. Rodeo
11. Archery
12. Mountain bicycling
13. Rock climbing
14. Rocketeering
15. Surfing
16. Other activities determined by the principal to have a high risk to student safety

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities)

(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)

Students who operate or ride as a passenger on a bicycle, non-motorized scooter, or skateboard, or wear in-line or roller skates, upon a street, bikeway, or any other public bicycle path or trail shall wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet.

SAFETY (continued)**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.

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)

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

(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

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.

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)

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

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.