

## **Student Disturbances**

BP 5131.4(a)

### **Students**

The Governing Board desires to provide orderly campuses that create a positive school environment and are conducive to learning. When students initiate or are involved in a campus disturbance that has the potential to threaten the safety of students or staff, the Superintendent or designee may request law enforcement assistance.

The Superintendent or designee and the principal of each school shall establish a school disturbance response plan that is intended to curb disruptions which may lead to riots, violence, or vandalism at school or at school-sponsored events. In developing each school's plan, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with local law enforcement authorities to create guidelines for law enforcement support and intervention.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)  
(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)  
(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)

Staff are encouraged to be alert to conditions at school that may lead to a disturbance, such as racial or cultural conflict, student protests, or gang intimidation and confrontations. Staff who believe that a disturbance is imminent, or who see a disturbance occurring, shall immediately contact the principal and invoke the school disturbance response plan.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)  
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)  
(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)  
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

Students who participate in a campus disturbance shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations.

(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)  
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)  
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)  
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

### Legal Reference:

#### EDUCATION CODE

32210 Willful disturbance of public school or meeting  
32211 Threatened disruption or interference with classes  
32280-32288 School safety plans  
35160 Authority of governing boards

38000-38005 Security patrols  
44810 Willful interference with classroom conduct  
44811 Disruption of classwork or extracurricular activities  
48900 Grounds for suspension or expulsion  
48907 Student exercise of free expression  
51512 Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording device

PENAL CODE

243.5 Assault or battery on school property  
403-420 Crimes against the public peace, especially:  
415 Fighting; noise; offensive words  
415.5 Disturbance of peace of school  
416 Assembly to disturb peace; refusal to disperse  
626-626.10 Crimes on school grounds  
627-627.7 Access to school premises  
653b Loitering about schools or public places

Management Resources:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Practical Information on Crisis Planning: A Guide for Schools and Communities, May 2003

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

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

U.S. Department of Education, Emergency Planning:

<http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/emergencyplan>