

Students

Safety

The Board of Education places a high responsibility on safety and the prevention of student injury. Principals and staff are responsible for the conduct and safety of students from the time they come under school supervision until they leave school supervision, whether or not they are on school premises.

Although the District is not liable for the safety of students who are not under school supervision, the school District can, and does, hold students accountable for their behavior from the time they leave their homes for school, until they return to their homes from school, on the playgrounds and during recess, and while they are on school premises and/or under supervision of school District personnel. (E.C. 44807, 44808) (cf. 5144 - Discipline)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations and procedures as necessary to protect students from dangerous situations. (cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety) (cf. 3515 - School Safety and Security) (cf. 3515.2 - Intruders on Campus) (cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct) (cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies) (cf. 5141.1 - Accidents) (cf. 5144 - Discipline) (cf. 6114 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan) (cf. 6145.2 - Interscholastic Competition) (cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Supplies)

A minor student shall not be permitted to leave school in the custody of a person other than the student's legal parent/guardian unless that person has the verified authorization of the legal parent(s)/guardian(s) or as specified for emergency release at the time of disaster. Properly authorized law officers may seize or apprehend according to law. (cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension)

It is the responsibility of the principal or designee to provide for adequate supervision of playgrounds and other school facilities at all times they are in use by students during the school day or at school-sponsored activities. The principal or designee shall establish playground and school ground safety rules designed to develop good citizenship and prevent accidents. (cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

The principal shall make full use of the cooperative services of local and county organizations which provide safety services, such as fire, law enforcement and disaster preparedness agencies. (cf. 6114.1 - Fire Drills and Fires)

(Legal Reference next page)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 32000-32004 School safety: uniform fire signals
- 32020 School gates; entrances for emergency vehicles
- 32030-32034 School eye safety
- 32040 First aid equipment
- 32050 Hazing
- 39140-39157 Approvals (Field Act)
- 40048 Missing children; posting of information
- 44807 Duty of teachers concerning conduct of pupils to hold them accountable for conduct to and from schools, on playgrounds, and during recess
- 44808 Exemption from liability when students are not on school property
- 44808.5 Permission for pupils to leave school grounds; notice (high school)
- 49068.5 Missing children; transfers
- 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 handicapped persons

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

- 115725-115750 Playground Safety

PENAL CODE

- 14200-14213 Violent crime information center

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

- 5411 Purchase of equipment usable by physically handicapped persons

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 202 Exclusion of pupils 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 24

- 4-314 Construction on school sites

Dailey v. Los Angeles Unified School District (1970) 2 Cal. 3d 741, 747

Perna v. Conejo Valley Unified School District (1983) 143 Cal. App. 3d 292

Hoyem v. Manhattan Beach City School District (1978) 22 Cal. 3d 508