

Discipline

The Governing Board believes that one of the major functions of the public schools is the preparation of youth for responsible citizenship. The district shall foster a learning environment which reinforces the concepts of self-discipline and the acceptance of personal responsibility. Students are expected to progress from being adult-directed to self-directed with minimal application of disciplinary measures.

In order to maintain an environment conducive to attaining the highest quality of education in the district, there must exist certain disciplinary policies and regulations relating to student conduct which delineate acceptable behavior and provides the basis for sound disciplinary practices within each school in the district. These policies and regulations will be enforced fairly and uniformly and consistently without regard to race, creed, color or sex.

The administration, teachers and classified staff share the mutual responsibility for student conduct and safety and the enforcement of district policies and regulations. The Board shall give all reasonable support and assistance to all employees with respect to the student discipline.

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

The Board recognizes that not all students will adhere to district rules for appropriate behavior. Sufficient support services shall be provided so that continually disruptive students will not be returned to regular classes without some modification of behavior. Students may be assigned to other alternative programs or be subject to removal from school.

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

School Adopted Rules

At each school site rules for student discipline shall be adopted. (Education Code 35291.5)

The adoption of each school's rules on student discipline is the responsibility of the school principal/designee and a designated teacher.

Special care shall be taken to solicit the views of the school community, including administrators, teachers, school security personnel, parents/guardians and secondary students in developing the site level rules.

School site rules shall be revised periodically as required by any changes in district policy, regulation or law and shall undergo the site level rule review and adoption process at least every four (4) years.

All adopted school site rules shall be subject to Board review and approval prior to implementation.

In order to ensure that school site rules for student discipline are enforced fairly and uniformly and consistently, the Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the approval of such rules. All school site rules shall be strictly based on district policy, regulation and existing law.

All avenues provided in policy, regulation and law for the discipline of students may be utilized in developing site level rules. These include but are not limited to advising and counseling students, conferencing with parents/guardians, detention during and after school hours, alternative educational environments and, if necessary, suspension and expulsion.

Notice To Parents/Guardians and Students

The principal of each school shall ensure that every student and his/her parent/guardian is notified in writing of all Board policies, administrative regulations and individual school rules related to discipline at the beginning of each

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school year and that transfer students and their parents/guardians are so advised at the time of enrollment in school.

The notice shall include the fact that these rules and regulations are available on request at the principal's office in all district schools.

Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment shall not be used as a disciplinary measure against any student. School administrators and teachers shall employ other means of disciplining students who violate school rules, district regulations or district policies.

The use of reasonable and necessary force by an employee to protect oneself or students or to prevent damage to district property shall not be considered corporal punishment for purposes of this policy. (Education Code 49001)

(cf. 3514 - Safety)

(cf. 4158 - Employee Protection)

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

- 35146 Closed Sessions
- 35291 Rules
- 35291.5 School-adopted discipline rules
- 35291.7 School-adopted discipline rules: additional employees
- 44807.5 Restriction from recess for disciplinary purposes
- 48630-48644.5 Opportunity schools
- 48900-48925 Suspension and expulsion
- 48908 Duties of pupils
- 48980-48985 Notification of parents or guardians
- 49000-49001 Prohibition of corporal punishment
- 49330-49334 Injurious objects

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 353 Detention after school