

CONDUCT

The Board of Trustees believes that all students have the right to be educated in a positive learning environment free from disruptions. To maintain such an environment, students, parents/guardians, staff and the Board all must understand and fulfill their responsibilities related to student conduct.

Student Responsibilities

The Board believes that it is important for students to understand that they have a choice to make regarding their actions and that appropriate conduct benefits both themselves and others. Students are encouraged to freely express their individuality as long as this expression does not infringe upon the rights of others or interfere with the instructional program. Behavior is considered appropriate when students are diligent in study, neat and clean, careful with school property, respectful towards their teachers, and courteous to other students, staff and volunteers. Students are expected to be punctual and regular in attendance and to remain on school premises in accordance with school rules. They are further expected to refrain from profane, vulgar or abusive language.

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression: Publications Code)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Students shall receive regular instruction in District and school rules and regulations related to conduct. Students who violate these rules and regulations may be subject to discipline, suspension, exclusion, expulsion or transfer to alternative programs.

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

Parents/guardians are expected to comply with laws governing the conduct and education of their children and to cooperate with school authorities regarding their children's behavior.

California law holds parents/guardians liable for any willful student misconduct which results in the death or injury of any student or persons employed by or volunteering for the District.

Parents/guardians are also liable for any defacement, injury or loss of property belonging to the District or to a school employee. (Education Code 48904)

(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)

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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are annually informed of their liability for death, personal injury or District property damage resulting from willful student misconduct.

Parents/guardians shall also be informed that the District will not be responsible for damage caused by any student to any item of personal property which another student brings to school.

District Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for prescribing behavioral and disciplinary guidelines for students. The Board shall give certificated staff all reasonable support with respect to student conduct and discipline.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures necessary to enforce the Board's conduct and discipline policies and shall notify parents/guardians of the availability of these policies and procedures at the beginning of each school year.

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The school principal shall establish and enforce school rules that conform with District procedures and that foster safety and good citizenship. He/she shall ensure that students are informed of these rules when they enroll and at the beginning of each school year.

Teachers shall establish and enforce classroom rules that facilitate safety and effective learning. They shall cooperate with other certificated staff in enforcing general school rules and helping students to understand the benefits of choosing behaviors that show respect for other people and property.

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35181 *Governing board policy on responsibilities of students*

35291 *Rules*

44807 *Duty concerning conduct of students*

48900-48925 *Suspension or expulsion*

48908 *Duties of pupils*

48980-48981 *Notification of parent or guardian*

CIVIL CODE

1714.1 *Liability of parents and guardians for willful misconduct of minor*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

300-307 *Duties of pupils*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1618-1688 *Title IX, discrimination*