Students BP 5131.4(a)

Campus Student Disturbances

The Governing Board recognizes that all school staff must be prepared to cope with campus disturbances and to minimize the risks they entail. 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. Staff should be especially sensitive to conditions that foster racial conflict, student protests, or gang intimidation and confrontations.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish at each school a school disturbance response plan for curbing disruptions which create disorder and may lead to riots, violence, or vandalism at school or at school-sponsored events.

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with law enforcement authorities to plan for police support during school disruptions. Each school's disturbance response plan shall address the role of law enforcement. When a disturbance directly threatens students or staff, the Superintendent or designee has the authority to call in law enforcement personnel for assistance and may dismiss school.

Students who participate in disturbances may be subject to disciplinary action,

(cf. 3515 - Campus Security) (cf. 5136 - Gangs) (cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

Campus Student Disturbances (continued)

626-626.10 Crimes on school grounds 627-627.7 Access to school premises 653b Loitering about schools or public places

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

911! A Manual for Schools and the Media During a Campus Crisis, 2001

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/ls/ss

U.S. Department of Education, Emergency Planning: http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/emergencyplan

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