

**STUDENT DISTURBANCES**

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))*

## STUDENT DISTURBANCES (continued)

*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/lr/ss>

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