

Policy 5131.4: Student Disturbances**Adopted Date: 12/13/2023**

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.

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.

Students who participate in a campus disturbance shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State

Ed. Code 32210

Description[Willful disturbance of public school or meeting](#)

Ed. Code 32211

[Threatened disruption or interference with classes](#)

Ed. Code 32280-32289.5

[School safety plans](#)

Ed. Code 35160

[Authority of governing boards](#)

Ed. Code 38000-38005

[Security departments](#)

Ed. Code 44810

[Willful interference with classroom conduct](#)

Ed. Code 44811

[Disruption of classwork or extracurricular activities](#)

Ed. Code 48900

[Grounds for suspension or expulsion](#)

Ed. Code 48907

[Exercise of free expression; time, place and manner rules and regulations](#)

Ed. Code 51512

[Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording device](#)

Pen. Code 243.5

[Assault or battery on school property](#)

Pen. Code 403-420

[Crimes against the public peace](#)

Pen. Code 415	Fighting; noise; offensive words
Pen. Code 415.5	Disturbance of peace of school
Pen. Code 416	Assembly to disturb peace; refusal to disperse
Pen. Code 626-626.11	Weapons on school grounds and other school crimes
Pen. Code 627-627.10	Access to school premises
Pen. Code 653b	Loitering about schools or public places

Management Resources

U.S. Department of Education Publication Practical Information on Crisis Planning: A Guide for Schools and Communities, May 2003

Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	U.S. Department of Education, Emergency Planning
Website	California Department of Education, Safe Schools
Website	CSBA

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Cross References

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0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
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1313	Civility
3515.2	Disruptions
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3515.3	District Police/Security Department
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5131.5	<u>Vandalism And Graffiti</u>
5131.8	<u>Mobile Communication Devices</u>
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5137	<u>Positive School Climate</u>
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5144	<u>Discipline</u>
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5144.1	<u>Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process</u>
5144.1	<u>Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process</u>
5144.2	<u>Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process (Students With Disabilities)</u>
5145.2	<u>Freedom Of Speech/Expression</u>
5145.2	<u>Freedom Of Speech/Expression</u>
5145.9	<u>Hate-Motivated Behavior</u>
6116	<u>Classroom Interruptions</u>
6145.2	<u>Athletic Competition</u>
6145.2	<u>Athletic Competition</u>
6145.8	<u>Assemblies And Special Events</u>
6184	<u>Continuation Education</u>
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