

CAMPUS SECURITY

The Governing Board is committed to providing a school environment that promotes the safety of students, employees, and visitors to school grounds. The Board also recognizes the importance of protecting district property, facilities, and equipment from vandalism and theft.

(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)

(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop campus security procedures, which may be included in the district's comprehensive safety plan and/or site-level safety plans. Such procedures shall be regularly reviewed to reflect changed circumstances and to assess their effectiveness in achieving safe school objectives.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

Surveillance Systems

In consultation with the district's safety planning committee, other relevant stakeholders, and staff, the Superintendent or designee may identify appropriate locations for the placement of surveillance cameras. Cameras shall not be placed in areas where students, staff, or community members have a reasonable expectation of privacy. Any audio capability on the district's surveillance equipment shall be disabled so that sounds are not recorded.

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

Prior to the operation of a surveillance system, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that signs are posted at conspicuous locations around school buildings and grounds. These signs shall state that the facility uses video surveillance equipment for security purposes and that the equipment may or may not be actively monitored at any time. The Superintendent or designee shall also provide prior written notice to students and parents/guardians about the district's surveillance system, including the locations where surveillance may occur and that the recordings may be used in disciplinary proceedings and/or referred to local law enforcement, as appropriate.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

To the extent that any images from the district's surveillance system create a student or personnel record, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the images are accessed, retained, and disclosed in accordance with law, Board policy, administrative regulation, and any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

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(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Records)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32020 Access gates

32211 Threatened disruption or interference with classes

32280-32288 School safety plans

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

38000-38005 Security patrols

49050-49051 Searches by school employees

49060-49079 Student records

PENAL CODE

469 Unauthorized making, duplicating or possession of key to public building

626-626.10 Disruption of schools

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article 1, Section 28(c) Right to Safe Schools

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

COURT DECISIONS

New Jersey v. T.L.O. (1985) 469 U.S. 325

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

83 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 257 (2000)

75 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 155 (1992)

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Protecting Our Schools: Board of Trustees Strategies to Combat School Violence, 1999

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Safe Schools: A Planning Guide for Action, 2002

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE PUBLICATIONS

The Appropriate and Effective Use of Security Technologies in U.S. Schools: A Guide for Schools and Law Enforcement Agencies, 1999

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Safe Schools Office:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss>

National Institute of Justice: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij>

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WRIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Santa Rosa, California

CAMPUS SECURITY

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a campus security plan which contributes to a positive school climate, fosters social and emotional learning and student well-being, and includes strategies to:

1. Secure the campus perimeter and school facilities in order to prevent criminal activity;

These strategies include a risk management analysis of each campus' security system, lighting system, and fencing. Procedures to ensure unobstructed views and eliminate blind spots caused by doorways and landscaping shall also be considered. In addition, parking lot design may be studied, including methods to discourage through traffic.

2. Secure buildings from outsiders and discourage trespassing;

These strategies may include installing locks, requiring visitor registration, providing staff and student identification tags, and patrolling of places used for congregating and loitering.

(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)
(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)
(cf. 5112.5 - Open/Closed Campus)

3. Discourage vandalism and graffiti;

These strategies may include plans to immediately cover graffiti and implement campus beautification.

(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)
(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

4. Control access to keys and other school inventory; and

(cf. 3440 - Inventories)

5. Detect and intervene with school crime;

These strategies may include creating a school watch program, increasing adult presence and supervision, establishing an anonymous crime reporting system, analyzing school crime incidents, and collaborating with local law enforcement agencies, including providing for law enforcement presence.

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(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)
(cf. 3515.7 - Firearms on School Grounds)
(cf. 3516.2 - Bomb Threats)
(cf. 5116.2 - Involuntary Student Transfers)
(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)
(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)
(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

All staff shall receive training in building and grounds security procedures and emergency response.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Locks

All state-funded new construction and modernization projects shall include locks that allow doors to classrooms and any room with an occupancy of five or more persons to be locked from the inside. Student restrooms and doors that lock from the outside at all times are not required to have locks that can be locked from the inside. (Education Code 17075.50, 17583; 24 CCR 1010.1.9, 1010.1.11)

Keys

All keys used in a school shall be the responsibility of the principal or designee. Keys shall be issued only to those employees who regularly need a key in order to carry out their job responsibilities.

The principal or designee shall create a key control system with a record of each key assigned and room(s) or building(s) which the key opens.

Keys shall never be loaned to students, parents/guardians, or volunteers, nor shall the master key ever be loaned.

Any person issued a key shall be responsible for its safekeeping. The duplication of school keys is prohibited. If a key is lost, the person responsible shall immediately report the loss to the principal or designee and shall pay for a replacement key.