

**SAFETY**

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of providing a safe school environment that is conducive to learning and helps ensure student safety and the prevention of student injury. The Superintendent or designee shall implement appropriate practices to minimize the risk of harm to students, including, but not limited to, practices relative to school facilities and equipment, the outdoor environment, educational programs, and school-sponsored activities.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)*  
*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*  
*(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)*  
*(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)*  
*(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)*  
*(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)*  
*(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)*  
*(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)*  
*(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)*  
*(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)*  
*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*  
*(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)*  
*(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)*  
*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*  
*(cf. 5142.1 - Identification and Reporting of Missing Children)*  
*(cf. 5143 - Insurance)*  
*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*  
*(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*  
*(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*  
*(cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies)*  
*(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)*  
*(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)*

Staff shall be responsible for the proper supervision of students during school hours, during school-sponsored activities, and while students are using district transportation to and from school.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students receive appropriate instruction on topics related to safety, as well as injury and disease prevention.

*(cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)*  
*(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)*

**Crossing Guards/Safety Patrol**

The Governing Board is concerned for the safety of students and recognizes that responsible supervision may be needed to help elementary children in safely crossing high traffic or hazardous streets and highways.

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As traffic grows and traffic patterns change, the need and placement of crossing guards may change. The Superintendent or designee may periodically arrange for an examination of traffic patterns within the boundaries of each elementary school attendance area, so as to properly identify locations where crossing assistance is needed.

The Superintendent or designee may establish safety patrols at elementary schools or other schools, as necessary, for the purpose of assisting students in safely crossing streets and highways adjacent to or near the school. (Education Code 49300)

*Legal Reference:**EDUCATION CODE*

8482-8484.6 *After School Education and Safety Program*  
 17280-17317 *Building approvals (Field Act)*  
 17365-17374 *Fitness of school facilities for occupancy*  
 32001 *Fire alarms and drills*  
 32020 *School gates; entrances for emergency vehicles*  
 32030-32034 *Eye safety*  
 32040 *First aid equipment*  
 32225-32226 *Two-way communication devices in classrooms*  
 32240-32245 *Lead-free schools*  
 32250-32254 *CDE school safety and security resources unit*  
 32280-32289 *Safety plans*  
 44807 *Duty of teachers concerning conduct of students*  
 44808 *Exemption from liability when students are not on school property*  
 44808.5 *Permission for students to leave school grounds; notice (high school)*  
 45450-45451 *Crossing guards*  
 49300-49307 *School safety patrol*  
 49330-49335 *Injurious objects*  
 49341 *Hazardous materials in school science laboratories*  
 51202 *Instruction in personal and public health and safety*

*GOVERNMENT CODE*

810-996.6 *California Tort Claims Act*

*HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE*

115725-115750 *Playground safety*  
 115775-115800 *Wooden playground equipment*  
 115810-115816 *Playground safety and recycling grants*

*PENAL CODE*

245.6 *Hazing*

*PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE*

5411 *Purchase of equipment usable by physically disabled persons*

*VEHICLE CODE*

21100 *Rules and regulations; crossing guards*  
 21212 *Use of helmets*  
 42200 *Fines and forfeitures, disposition by cities*  
 42201 *Fines and forfeitures, disposition by counties*

*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5*

202 *Exclusion of students with a contagious disease*  
 570-576 *School safety patrols*  
 5531 *Supervision of social activities*  
 5552 *Playground supervision*

**SAFETY** (continued)

*5570 When school shall be open and teachers present*

*14103 Bus driver; authority over pupils*

*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22*

*65700-65750 Safety regulations for playgrounds; definitions and general standards*

*COURT DECISIONS*

*Wiener v. Southcoast Childcare Centers, (2004) 32 Cal.4th 1138*

*Kahn v. East Side Union High School District, (2003) 31 Cal.4th 990*

*Hoyem v. Manhattan Beach City School District, (1978) 22 Cal. 3d 508*

*Dailey v. Los Angeles Unified School District, (1970) 2 Cal 3d 741*

*Management Resources:*

*AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS*

*F 1487-05, Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use, 2005*

*U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS*

*Handbook for Public Playground Safety, Pub. No. 325, 1994, rev. 1997*

*WEB SITES*

*American Society for Testing and Materials: <http://www.astm.org>*

*California Department of Education, Safe Schools Office: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss>*

*California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>*

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>*

*Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov>*

*U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: <http://www.cpsc.gov>*

*U.S. Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/gtss.html>*

Policy

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