

# Santa Barbara Unified School District

## Board Policy

### Community Relations

BP 1400

#### RELATIONS BETWEEN OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND THE SCHOOLS

The Governing Board recognizes that agencies at all levels of government share its concern and responsibility for the health, safety, and welfare of youth. The Board and Superintendent or designee shall initiate and maintain good working relationships with representatives of these agencies in order to help district schools and students make use of the resources which governmental agencies can provide.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

*(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*

*(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)*

*(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)*

*(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)*

*(cf. 3515.5 - Sex Offender Notification)*

*(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)*

*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*

*(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)*

*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*

*(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)*

*(cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension)*

*(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)*

*(cf. 7131 - Relations with Local Agencies)*

The district may enter into agreements with other agencies which involve the exchange of funds or reciprocal services. Such agreements shall be approved by the Board and executed in writing.

#### Elections/Voter Registration

If a city or county elections official specifically requests the use of a school building as a polling place, the Board shall allow its use for such purpose. The Board may authorize the use of school buildings as polling places on any election day, and may also authorize the use of school buildings, without cost, for the storage of voting machines and other vote-tabulating devices. If school will be in session, the Superintendent or designee shall identify to elections officials the specific areas of the school buildings not occupied by school activities that will be allowed for use as polling places. (Elections Code 12283)

*(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)*

When a school is used as a polling place, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the elections official a site with an adequate amount of space that will allow the precinct board to perform its duties in a manner that will not impede, interfere, or interrupt the normal process of voting and shall make a telephone line for Internet access available for use by local elections officials if so requested. He/she shall make a reasonable effort to ensure that the site is accessible to disabled persons. (Elections Code 12283)

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*

The Superintendent or designee shall designate a contact person at each high school for the Secretary of

State to contact in order to facilitate the distribution of voter registration forms to eligible students. The Superintendent or designee shall provide the address, phone number, and email address of each contact person to the Secretary of State. (Elections Code 2148)

To encourage students to participate in the elections process when they are eligible, the Superintendent or designee may distribute to high school seniors voter registration forms provided by the Secretary of State. He/she shall determine the most effective means of distributing the forms, which may include but not be limited to distributing forms at the start of the school year, with orientation materials, at central locations, and/or with graduation materials.

(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

10900-10914.5	<i>Cooperative community recreation programs</i>
12400	<i>Authority to receive and expend federal funds</i>
12405	<i>Authority to participate in federal programs</i>
17050	<i>Joint use of library facilities</i>
17051	<i>Joint use of park and recreational facilities</i>
32001	<i>Fire alarms and drills</i>
32288	<i>Notice of safety plan</i>
35160	<i>Authority of governing boards</i>
35160.1	<i>Broad authority of school districts</i>
48902	<i>Notification of law enforcement agencies</i>
48909	<i>District attorney may give notice student drug use, sale or possession</i>
49305	<i>Cooperation of police and California Highway Patrol</i>
49402	<i>Contracts with city, county or local health departments</i>
49403	<i>Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunization</i>
51202	<i>Instruction in personal and public health and safety</i>

ELECTIONS CODE

2145-2148	<i>Distribution of voter registration forms</i>
12283	<i>Polling places: schools</i>

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

828	<i>Disclosure of information minors by law enforcement agency</i>
828.1	<i>School district police department; disclosure of juvenile criminal records</i>

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>  
California Secretary of State: <http://www.ss.ca.gov>  
California Voter Foundation: <http://www.calvoter.org>  
Cities, Counties, and Schools Partnership: <http://www.ccspartnership.org>

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