Santa Barbara Unified School District
Board Policy

Students

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 that 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, Theft 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))

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:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS
911! A Manual for Schools and the Media During a Campus Crisis, 2001

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/ls/ss

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