

## **STUDENTS**

### **SUBJECT: Student Disturbances**

The County Office of Education 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 County Superintendent of Schools or designee may request law enforcement assistance.

The Superintendent or designee and the site administrator 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.

(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 site administrator and invoke the school emergency 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 County Office of Education policy and administrative regulations.

(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  
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  
653g 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>

U.S. Department of Education, Emergency Planning:

<http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/emergencyplan>

Riverside County Office of Education Emergency Operation Plan