

Riverside County Office of Education
Board Policy 5144 Discipline

STUDENTS

SUBJECT: Discipline

The County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools desire to prepare youth for responsible citizenship by fostering self-discipline and personal responsibility. The Board and Superintendent perceive that good planning, a good understanding of each child, and parent involvement can minimize the need for discipline. Teachers shall use positive conflict resolution techniques and avoid unnecessary confrontations.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

When misconduct occurs, staff shall make every effort to identify and correct the causes of the student's behavior. Continually disruptive students may be assigned to alternative programs or removed from school. At all times, the safety of students and staff and the maintenance of an orderly school environment shall be priorities in determining appropriate discipline.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

County Office of Education policies and regulations shall delineate acceptable student conduct and provide the basis for sound disciplinary practices. Each school/program shall develop disciplinary rules in accordance with law to meet the school's individual needs.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)
(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

Seclusion and behavioral restraints are prohibited as a means of discipline and shall not be used to correct student behavior except as permitted pursuant to Education Code 49005.4 and in accordance with County Office of Education regulations. (Education Code 49005.2)

Staff shall enforce disciplinary rules fairly and consistently, without regard to race, creed, color or sex.

In order to maintain safe and orderly environments, the County Office of Education shall give employees all reasonable support with respect to student discipline. If a disciplinary strategy is ineffective, another strategy shall be employed. The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as necessary to assist staff in developing classroom management skills and implementing effective disciplinary techniques.

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(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

County Office of Education goals for improving school climate, based on suspension and expulsion rates, surveys of students, staff, and parents/guardians regarding their sense of school safety and connectedness to the school community, and other local measures, shall be included in the County Office of Education's local control and accountability plan, as required by law.

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. 3100 - Budget)

Legal Reference:

CIVIL CODE

1714.1 Parental liability for child's misconduct

EDUCATION CODE

35146 Closed sessions

35291 Rules

35291.5 School-adopted discipline rules

35291.7 School-adopted discipline rules: additional employees

35294-35294.9 School safety plans

37223 Weekend classes

44807.5 Restriction from recess

48630-48644.5 Opportunity schools

48900-48925 Suspension and expulsion

48980-48985 Notification of parents or guardians

49000-49001 Prohibition of corporal punishment

49330-49334 Injurious objects

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

307 Participation in school activities until departure of bus

353 Detention after school

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

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

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

1010.89 Physical Exercise as Corporal Punishment, CIL 89/9-3

1223.88 Corporal Punishment, CIL: 88/9-5

WEB SITES

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