

***Riverside County Office of Education
Board Policy 5142 Student Safety***

STUDENTS

SUBJECT: Student Safety

The County Board of Education (County Board) and County Superintendent of Schools or designee (County Superintendent) recognize 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 County Superintendent 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.

Additionally, the County Superintendent shall regularly review current guidance regarding cybersecurity and digital media awareness and incorporate recommended practices into the County Office of Education (County Office) processes and procedures related to the protection of the County Office's network infrastructure, and the monitoring and response to suspicious and/or threatening digital media content.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(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. 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. 5143 - Insurance)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies)
(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)

It shall be the responsibility of the site administrator to schedule and assign school employees to provide adequate pupil supervision. A record of such schedules shall be kept by the site administrator.

Site administrators, teachers, and other staff shall be responsible for the conduct and safety of students during school hours and school-sponsored activities and while students are using County Office of Education transportation to and from school.

The site administrator or designee shall establish school rules consistent with law, County Office policy and regulation for the safe and appropriate use of school equipment, materials, and for student conduct. School staff shall train students on the safety rules and shall provide instruction

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on safety and emergency procedures, as well as injury and disease prevention as appropriate. Copies of the rules shall be sent to parents/guardians and be readily available at the school at all times.

(cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

Reporting Threats

Any certificated or classified employee, or other school official, whose duties bring the employee or other school official in contact on a regular basis with students in any of grades 6-12, as part of a middle or high school, who are alerted to or observe any threat or perceived threat of a homicidal act, as defined, shall immediately report the threat or perceived threat to law enforcement in accordance with Education Code 49393. (Education Code 49390, 49393)

Threat or perceived threat means any writing or action of a student that creates a reasonable suspicion that the student is preparing to commit a homicidal act related to school or a school activity. This may include possession, use, or depictions of firearms, ammunition, shootings, or targets in association with infliction of physical harm, destruction, or death in a social media post, journal, class note, or other media associated with the student. It may also include a warning by a parent, student, or other individual.

Additionally, anyone who receives or learns of a health or safety threat related to school or a school activity is expected to report the threat to a school or County Office administrator immediately.

Student Identification Cards and Safety Information

Student identification cards of students in grades 7-12 shall have printed on them safety information, including the following: (Education Code 215.5)

1. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline telephone number and, at the County Office's discretion, the Crisis Text Line and/or a local suicide prevention hotline telephone number
2. The National Domestic Violence Hotline

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

215.5 Pupil and Student Suicide Prevention

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

32050-32051 Hazing

32225-32226 Two-way communication devices in classrooms 32240-32245 Lead-free schools

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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

49390, 49393 Threats of Homicide at School

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

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

5531 Supervision of social activities

5552 Playground supervision

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 W

EB 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

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Department of Health Services: <http://www.dhs.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>