

Students

BP 5131

CONDUCT

The Governing Board believes that all students have the right to be educated in a positive learning environment free from disruptions. To maintain such an environment, students, parents/guardians, staff and the Board all must understand and fulfill their responsibilities related to student conduct.

Student Responsibilities

The Board believes that it is important for students to understand that they have a choice to make regarding their actions and that appropriate conduct benefits both themselves and others. Students are encouraged to freely express their individuality as long as this expression does not infringe upon the rights of others or interfere with the instructional program. Behavior is considered appropriate when students are diligent in study, neat and clean, careful with school property, respectful towards their teachers, and courteous to other students, staff and volunteers. Students are expected to be punctual and regular in attendance and to remain on school premises in accordance with school rules. They are further expected to refrain from profane, vulgar or abusive language.

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression: Publications Code)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Students shall receive regular instruction in district and school rules and regulations related to conduct. Students who violate these rules and regulations may be subject to discipline, suspension, exclusion, expulsion or transfer to alternative programs.

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 5131.1 Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work)

Prohibited student conduct includes, but is not limited to:

1. Behavior that endangers other students and/or staff

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 5131.7 Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

(cf. 5136 Gangs)

(cf. 5142 Safety)

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2. Behavior that disrupts the orderly classroom or school environment.

(cf. 5131.4 - Campus Disturbances)

3. Harassment of other students or staff

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

4. Damage to or theft of property belonging to the district, staff or other students.

(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism theft and Graffiti)

5. Possession, use or sale of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs.

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)

6. Misuse of electronic signaling devices.

Beepers, Pagers, Cellular Phones and Other Electronic Signaling Devices

The Board of Education recognizes that beepers, pagers, cellular phones and other electronic signaling devices have become commonplace in our community and that many families have come to rely on these devices as means of communication.

In order to ensure student safety and communication with family members and to minimize disruption of school activities the Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures whereby the possession and/or use of these devices may be permitted by students during the school day or school sponsored activities.

Use by students of electronic signaling devices shall be limited to before and after school unless determined by a licensed physician or surgeon to be essential for the health of a pupil and use of which is limited for purposes related to the health of the pupil or the student is engaged in an instructional activity after school such as a school approved tutoring program.

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7. Profane, vulgar or abusive language

(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression: Publications Code)

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8. Plagiarism or dishonesty in school work or on tests

(cf. 5131.9 - Academic Honesty)

(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)

(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

9. Inappropriate dress

10. Tardiness and unexcused absence from school

11. Failure to remain on school premises in accordance with school rules

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each school site develops standards of conduct and discipline consistent with district rules and regulations including the disruption of classroom activities by pagers, beepers, cellular phones or other electronic signaling devices. Students shall receive regular instruction regarding district and school rules and regulations related to conduct. Students who violate these rules and regulations may be subject to discipline including but not limited to suspension, expulsion or transfer to alternative programs.

(cf. 5112.5 - Open/Closed Campus)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 5114.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

(cf. 51445.6 - Parental Notifications)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

(cf. 6182 - Opportunity School/Class/Program)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

(cf. 6185) - Community Day School)

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 5113.1 - Truancy)

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

Parents/guardians are expected to comply with laws governing the conduct and education of their

children and to cooperate with school authorities regarding their children's behavior.

California law holds parents/guardians liable for any willful student misconduct which results in the death or injury of any student or persons employed by or volunteering for the district. Parents/guardians are also liable for any defacement, injury or loss of property belonging to the district or to a school employee. (Education Code 48904)

(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)

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CONDUCT (continued)**District Responsibilities**

The Board is responsible for prescribing behavioral and disciplinary guidelines for students. The Board shall give certificated staff all reasonable support with respect to student conduct and discipline.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures necessary to enforce the Board's conduct and discipline policies and shall notify parents/guardians of the availability of these policies and procedures at the beginning of each school year.

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The school principal shall establish and enforce school rules that conform with district procedures and that foster safety and good citizenship. He/she shall ensure that students are informed of these rules when they enroll and at the beginning of each school year.

Teachers shall establish and enforce classroom rules that facilitate safety and effective learning. They shall cooperate with other certificated staff in enforcing general school rules and helping students to understand the benefits of choosing behaviors that show respect for other people and property.

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

35181 Governing board policy on responsibilities of students

35291 Rules

44807 Duty concerning conduct of students

48900-48925 Suspension or expulsion

48908 Duties of pupils

48980-48981 Notification of parent or guardian

CIVIL CODE

1714.1 Liability of parents and guardians for willful misconduct of minor

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

300-307 Duties of pupils

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000h-2 et seq. Title IX, 1972 Education Act Amendments

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