

Regulation 5131.4: Student Disturbances

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Prohibited Activities

A student involved or attempting to be involved in any of the following prohibited activities shall be subject to discipline:

1. Disturbing the peace, including, but not limited to, causing or attempting to cause a riot, burning or destroying property, fighting, challenging another to fight, or using offensive words likely to provoke a fight

2. Disrupting school operations, including, but not limited to, exercising free expression which is obscene, libelous, or slanderous or so incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on school premises or the violation of lawful school regulations, or substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school (Education Code 48907)

Other examples of activities that may be considered disrupting school operations include, but are not limited to:

- a. Organizing or participating in unauthorized assemblies on school premises

- b. Participating in sit-ins or stand-ins which deny students or employees normal access to school premises

- c. Interfering with or unauthorized use of the district's computer system

3. Refusing to disperse, including, but not limited to, assembling for the purpose of causing a disruption and refusing to disperse upon the direction of school personnel

4. Boycotting school, including, but not limited to, participating in any protest that involves nonattendance where attendance is required at school, class, or at a school activity

Any student who participates in a boycott shall be given an unexcused absence and may be classified as truant, regardless of any parent/guardian approval of the absence.

Extension of Class Period and/or Dismissal of School

During any disturbance in which additional students might become involved while changing classes, the principal or designee may notify all staff that any class currently in session will be extended until further notice. Upon receiving this notification, staff shall ensure that all students in their charge remain in one location under their supervision and shall ask all students who are in the halls to return to their classes immediately.

The principal may also request that the Superintendent dismiss school in accordance with the school disturbance response plan.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
Ed. Code 32210	<u>Willful disturbance of public school or meeting</u>
Ed. Code 32211	<u>Threatened disruption or interference with classes</u>
Ed. Code 32280-32289.5	<u>School safety plans</u>
Ed. Code 35160	<u>Authority of governing boards</u>
Ed. Code 38000-38005	<u>Security departments</u>
Ed. Code 44810	<u>Willful interference with classroom conduct</u>
Ed. Code 44811	<u>Disruption of classwork or extracurricular activities</u>
Ed. Code 48900	<u>Grounds for suspension or expulsion</u>
Ed. Code 48907	<u>Exercise of free expression; time, place, and manner rules and regulations</u>
Ed. Code 51512	<u>Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording device</u>
Pen. Code 243.5	<u>Assault or battery on school property</u>
Pen. Code 403-420	<u>Crimes against the public peace</u>
Pen. Code 415	<u>Fighting; noise; offensive words</u>
Pen. Code 415.5	<u>Disturbance of peace of school</u>
Pen. Code 416	<u>Assembly to disturb peace; refusal to disperse</u>
Pen. Code 626-626.11	<u>Weapons on school grounds and other school crimes</u>
Pen. Code 627-627.10	<u>Access to school premises</u>
Pen. Code 653b	<u>Loitering about schools or public places</u>
Management Resources	Description
U.S. Department of Education Publication	Practical Information on Crisis Planning: A Guide for Schools and Communities, May 2003
Website	<u>CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services</u>
Website	<u>U.S. Department of Education, Emergency Planning</u>

Website [California Department of Education, Safe Schools](#)

Website [CSBA](#)

Cross References

Code	Description
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
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1313	Civility
3515.2	Disruptions
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3515.3	District Police/Security Department
3515.3	District Police/Security Department
3515.31	School Resource Officers
3515.7	Firearms On School Grounds
3516	Emergencies And Disaster Preparedness Plan
3516	Emergencies And Disaster Preparedness Plan
4158	Employee Security
4158	Employee Security
4258	Employee Security
4258	Employee Security
4358	Employee Security
4358	Employee Security
5113	Absences And Excuses
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5113.1	Chronic Absence And Truancy
5113.1	Chronic Absence And Truancy
5131	Conduct
5131.41	Use Of Seclusion And Restraint
5131.5	Vandalism And Graffiti
5131.8	Mobile Communication Devices

5136	<u>Gangs</u>
5136	<u>Gangs</u>
5137	<u>Positive School Climate</u>
5138	<u>Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation</u>
5142	<u>Safety</u>
5142	<u>Safety</u>
5144	<u>Discipline</u>
5144	<u>Discipline</u>
5144.1	<u>Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process</u>
5144.1	<u>Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process</u>
5144.2	<u>Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process (Students With Disabilities)</u>
5145.2	<u>Freedom Of Speech/Expression</u>
5145.2	<u>Freedom Of Speech/Expression</u>
5145.9	<u>Hate-Motivated Behavior</u>
6116	<u>Classroom Interruptions</u>
6145.2	<u>Athletic Competition</u>
6145.2	<u>Athletic Competition</u>
6145.8	<u>Assemblies And Special Events</u>
6184	<u>Continuation Education</u>
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