

**SAFETY**

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of providing a safe school environment that is conducive to learning and *promotes* ~~helps ensure~~ student safety and *well-being*. ~~the prevention of student injury.~~ *Appropriate measure shall be implemented* ~~The Superintendent or designee shall implement appropriate practices to minimize the risk of harm to students, including, but not limited to, protocols for maintaining safe conditions on school grounds, promoting safe use of school facilities and equipment, and guiding student participation in practices relative to school facilities and equipment, the outdoor environment, educational programs and school-sponsored activities.~~

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)  
 (cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)  
 (cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)  
 (cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)  
 (cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)  
*(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)*  
*(cf. 3515.21 - Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones))*  
 (cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)  
 (cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)  
 (cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)  
 (cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)  
 (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. 5142.1 - Identification and Reporting of Missing Children)  
 (cf. 5143 - Insurance)  
~~(cf. 5144 - Discipline)~~  
~~(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)~~  
 (cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)  
~~(cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies)~~  
 (cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)  
 (cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)

Staff shall be responsible for the proper supervision *at all times when students are subject to district rules, including, but not limited to,* ~~of students~~ during school hours, during school-sponsored activities, *before and after-school programs, morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up,* and while students are using district transportation ~~to and from school.~~

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students receive appropriate instruction on topics related to safety *and emergency procedures*, as well as injury and disease prevention.

(cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)  
 (cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

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***Crossing Guards/Student Safety Patrol***

*To assist students in safely crossing streets adjacent to or near school sites, the Board may employ crossing guards and/or establish a student safety patrol at any district school. The Superintendent or designee shall periodically examine traffic patterns within school attendance areas in order to identify locations where crossing assistance may be needed.*

*(cf. 5142.2 - Safe Routes to School Program)*

***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, 217)*

- 1. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline telephone number and, at the district's discretion, the Crisis Text Line and/or a local suicide prevention hotline telephone number*

*(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)*

- 2. The National Domestic Violence Hotline*

*(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)*

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

8482-8484.65 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

32225-32226 Two-way communication devices in classrooms

32240-32245 Lead-free schools

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

48900 Hazing

49300-49307 School safety patrol

49330-49335 Injurious objects

49341 Hazardous materials in school science laboratories

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

GOVERNMENT CODE

810-996.6 California Tort Claims Act

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

115725-115735 Playground safety



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*115775-115800 Wooden playground equipment*

~~*115810-115816 Playground safety and recycling grants*~~

*1160646 Issuance of best practices guidelines for K-12 pool safety*

PENAL CODE

245.6 Hazing

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

5411 Purchase of equipment usable by physically disabled persons

VEHICLE CODE

21100 Rules and regulations; crossing guards

*21201 Rules for operation of bicycle on roadway*

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

570-576 School safety patrols

5531 Supervision of social activities

5552 Playground supervision

5570 When school shall be open and teachers present

*14030 Standards for development of plans for the design and construction of school facilities*

14103 Bus driver; authority over pupils

COURT DECISIONS

*J.H. v. Los Angeles Unified School District, (2010) 183 Cal.App.4th 123*

*Lane v. City of Sacramento, (2010) 183 Cal.App. 4th 1337*

*Wiener v. Southcoast Childcare Centers, (2004) 32 Cal.4th 1138*

*Kahn v. East Side Union High School District, (2003) 31 Cal.4th 990*

*Knight v. Jewett, (1992) 3 Cal.4th 296, 313*

*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:

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*F 1487-05, Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use, 2005 2017*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

*Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools, 2014*

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

*Handbook for Public Playground Safety, Pub. No. 325, 1994, rev. 1997*

*Public Playground Safety Handbook, 2010*

WEB SITES

American Society for Testing and Materials: <http://www.astm.org>

California Department of Education, Safe Schools Office: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/lss>

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

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.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/osep/osep/gtss.html>

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## Students

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#### Supervision of Students

~~The *Each* principal or designee shall establish emergency procedures, rules for student conduct, and rules for the safe and appropriate use of school facilities, equipment, and materials, consistent with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. The rules shall be communicated to students, distributed to parents/guardians, and readily available at the school at all times.~~ ~~of each school shall ensure that certificated employees, teacher aides or yard aides supervise the conduct and safety, and direct the play, of students of the school who are on school grounds before and after school, during recess, and during other intermissions and at dismissal time. (5 CCR 5552)~~

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

~~Teachers shall be present at their respective rooms and open them to admit students not less than 30 minutes before the time when school starts, or as specified in the collective bargaining agreement. (5 CCR 5570)~~

~~Safety rules for the use of facilities and equipment shall include as appropriate:~~

- ~~1. — Rules on acceptable playground behavior.~~
- ~~2. — Rules relating to gymnasium and field areas in high schools.~~
- ~~3. — Safety rules clearly posted in chemistry classes.~~
- ~~4. — Shop class rules, including the requirement that power equipment never be used without the teacher's presence in the shop. Students must pass safety tests at mastery level before using such equipment, and test results must be kept on record.~~

~~School staff shall train students on the above rules and include safety instruction in their lesson plans when appropriate.~~

~~The principal or designee shall:~~

- ~~1. — Clearly identify supervision zones on the playground and require that supervisors remain outside at a location from which they can observe their entire zone of supervision.~~
- ~~2. — Require that all individuals supervising students remain alert in spotting dangerous~~

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3. ~~conditions and report any such conditions to the principal or designee promptly and in writing.~~

*(cf. 3530—Risk Management/Insurance)*

4. ~~Establish emergency procedures that ensure swift response to accidents, fighting and situations that could become dangerous, such as overcrowding or unusual gatherings of students.~~

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers, teacher aides, yard aides and volunteers who supervise students receive training in the above safety practices and in supervisory techniques which will help them to forestall problems and resolve conflicts. Such training shall be documented and kept on file.

*(cf. 1240—Volunteer Assistance)*

*(cf. 3515.2—Disruptions)*

*(cf. 4131—Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231—Staff Development)*

*(cf. 5131.4—Student Disturbances)*

*(cf. 5138—Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)*

**Release of Student**

Students shall be released during the school day *only to* in the custody of an adult *who is one of the following:* only if:

1. The ~~adult is the~~ student's parent/legal guardian.

*(cf. 5021—Noncustodial Parents)*

2. The *An* adult ~~has been~~ authorized on the student's emergency card as someone to whom the student may be released when the custodial parent/guardian cannot be reached, and the principal or designee verifies the adult's identity.

*(cf. 3516—Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)*

3. ~~The adult is a properly~~ *An* authorized law *enforcement* officer acting in accordance with law.

*(cf. 5141.45 5141.4—Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)*

*(cf. 5145.11—Questioning and Apprehension)*

*(cf. 5145.13—Response to Immigration Enforcement)*

4. ~~The~~ *An* adult is taking the student to emergency medical care, at the request of the principal or designee.



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*(cf. 5141 Health Care and Emergencies)*

***Supervision of Students***

*Teachers shall be present at their respective rooms and shall open them to admit students not less than 30 minutes before the time that school starts. (5 CCR 5570)*

*Every teacher shall hold students accountable for their conduct on the way to and from school, on the playgrounds, and during recess. (Education Code 44807)*

*The principal or designee shall require all individuals supervising students to remain alert for unauthorized persons and dangerous conditions, promptly report any such observations to the principal or designee, and file a written report as appropriate.*

*(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)*

*(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)*

*In arranging for appropriate supervision on playgrounds, the principal or designee shall:*

- 1. Clearly identify supervision zones on the playground and require all playground supervisors to remain outside at a location from which they can observe their entire zone of supervision*
- 2. Consider the size of the playground area, the number of areas that are not immediately visible, and the age of the students to determine the ratio of playground supervisors to students*

*At any school where playground supervision is not otherwise provided, the principal or designee shall provide for certificated employees to supervise the conduct and safety, and direct the play, of students who are on school grounds before and after school and during recess and other intermissions. (5 CCR 5552)*

*The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers, teacher aides, playground supervisors, yard aides, and volunteers who supervise students receive training in safety practices and in supervisory techniques that will help prevent problems and resolve conflicts among students. Such training shall be documented and kept on file.*

*(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*

*(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)*

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

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***Playground Safety***

*Any new playground or any replacement of equipment or modification of components inside an*

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*existing playground shall conform to standards set forth by the American Society for Testing and Materials and the guidelines set forth by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. (~~Health and Safety Code 115725~~) The Superintendent or designee shall have a playground safety inspector certified by the National Playground Institute conduct an initial inspection to aid compliance with applicable safety standards. (Health and Safety Code 115725)*

***Activities with Safety Risks***

*Due to concerns about the risk to student safety, the principal or designee shall not permit the following activities on campus or during school-sponsored events unless the activity is properly supervised, students wear protective gear as appropriate, and each participant has insurance coverage:*

- 1. Trampolining*
- 2. Scuba diving*
- 3. Skateboarding or use of scooters*
- 4. In-line or roller skating or use of skate shoes*
- 5. Sailing, boating, or water skiing*
- 6. Cross-country or downhill skiing*
- 7. Motorcycling*
- 8. Target shooting*
- 9. Horseback riding*
- 10. Rodeo*
- 11. Archery*
- 12. Mountain bicycling*
- 13. Rock climbing*
- 14. Rocketeering*
- 15. Surfing*
- 16. Other activities determined by the principal to have a high risk to student safety*

*(cf. 5143 - Insurance)*



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*(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities)*

*(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)*

*Students who operate or ride as a passenger on a bicycle, non-motorized scooter, or skateboard, or wear in-line or roller skates, upon a street, bikeway, or any other public bicycle path or trail shall wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet.*

### **Laboratory Safety**

The principal of each school offering laboratory work shall develop procedures for laboratory safety and designate a trained certificated employee to implement and regularly review these procedures.

*Students in a laboratory shall be under the supervision of a certificated employee. Students shall be taught laboratory safety, and safety guidelines and procedures shall be posted in science classrooms. Students shall receive continual reminders about general and specific hazards.*

*Hazardous materials shall be properly used, stored, and disposed of in accordance with law and the district's chemical hygiene plan.*

*(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)*

*Bloodborne pathogens shall be handled in accordance with the district's exposure control plan.*

*(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)*

*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*

*The district's emergency plan, emergency contact numbers, and first aid supplies shall be readily accessible.*

*Parents/guardians shall be made aware of the kinds of laboratory activities that will be conducted during the school year.*

### **Hearing Protection**

The Superintendent or designee shall monitor students' exposure to excessive noise in classrooms and provide protection as necessary. The Superintendent or designee also may provide hearing conservation education to teach students ways to protect their hearing.

### **Eye Safety Devices**

*The Superintendent or designee shall provide schools with eye safety devices for use whenever students, teachers, or visitors are engaged in or observing an activity or using hazardous*



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*substances likely to cause injury to the eye. Eye safety devices may be sold to students for an amount not to exceed their actual cost to the district. (Education Code 32030, 32031, 32033)*

*(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)*

~~The district shall provide eye safety devices in accordance with law.~~

~~Staff shall ensure that all students, teachers and visitors wear eye safety devices when they are engaged in or observing an activity or using hazardous substances likely to cause injury to the eyes. (Education Code 32030, 32031)~~

~~The Board shall provide a first pair of the eye safety devices required by law at district expense. If these devices are lost or damaged, students and teachers may obtain replacements for an amount not exceeding their actual cost to the district.~~

**Protection Against Insect Bites**

To help protect students against insect bites or stings that may spread disease or cause allergic reactions, students shall be allowed to apply insect repellent provided by their parents/guardians, under the supervision of school personnel, and in accordance with the manufacturer's directions, when engaging in outdoor activities.

**Missing Children**

~~In order to enable district staff to assist in locating missing children, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that Department of Justice information on missing children is posted at every school. In schools maintaining elementary grades, this information shall be posted in areas restricted to adult use. (Education Code 38139)~~

~~Elementary school principals are urged to review missing children's pictures whenever a new student enrolls or transfers into the school. (Education Code 49068.5)~~

**Playground Design, Equipment and Maintenance**

~~Teachers, teacher aides, maintenance staff, parents/guardians and students are encouraged to contribute their ideas for making the playground as safe as possible.~~

~~Playgrounds should be designed for ease of supervision and should have:~~

- ~~1. — Clearly defined entry and exit routes that lead to and from play areas without crossing other major activities~~
- ~~2. — Fences or other barriers limiting vehicle access to play areas~~

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3. — Proper water drainage
4. — Bicycle racks that are fenced and located where easily visible
5. — Safety rules posted at the entrance and near play equipment

Playgrounds shall provide access for the handicapped in accordance with law.

The age, size and ability of the students who will use playground equipment shall determine the choice of equipment, the height of platforms and slides, and the diameter of climbing bars. Par courses and other adult equipment that is inappropriate for student use shall not be placed at elementary schools.

Playground equipment shall be installed by the manufacturer, by the manufacturer's representative, a licensed contractor, or by district maintenance staff under the direct supervision of the manufacturer's representative. A signed statement shall be secured from the manufacturer's representative stating that the equipment has been properly installed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

The following guidelines shall be observed when playground equipment is installed:

1. — Concrete footings shall be kept 12 inches below finished grade.
2. — Appropriate cushioning material shall be installed under the equipment before it is used.
  - a. — Except for tetherball poles and basketball standards, playground equipment shall not be installed over blacktop.
  - b. — Cushioning material shall be placed in all areas where a student might fall when using the equipment.
  - c. — Cushioning material shall be maintained at the depth recommended by the manufacturer, always at least twelve inches.
  - d. — Cushioning material shall be resupplied on a regular basis to ensure adequate depth at all times, including vacation breaks.
3. — The equipment and its cushioning border shall be set back at least six feet from other equipment. Swings shall be set back at least two times the crossbar height, both front and back.



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4. — ~~Ball boards over six feet high shall be approved by the Office of the State Architect.  
(2 CCR 4 314)~~

Maintenance staff shall:

1. — ~~Rake cushioning material regularly and remove foreign objects.~~
2. — ~~Regularly clean cushioning material from areas surrounding the cushioned area so as to minimize slipping.~~
3. — ~~Regularly inspect playground equipment and fences to ensure that all parts are in good condition.~~
  - a. — ~~Check wooden structures for holes, cracks, splinters and possible rot at ground level.~~
  - b. — ~~Look for protruding nails or sharp edges and repair as needed.~~

**Playground Safety**

~~Any new playground or any replacement of equipment or modification of components inside an existing playground shall conform to standards set forth by the American Society for Testing and Materials and the guidelines set forth by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. (Health and Safety Code 115725)~~

~~Any playground installed between January 1, 1994, and December 31, 1999, shall conform to these standards not later than 15 years after the date of installation. (Health and Safety Code 115725)~~

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