

Policy 5112.5: *On/Off Campus Policy*

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On/Off Campus

In order to give students an opportunity to demonstrate responsibility, independent judgment, and positive citizenship, the Governing Board establishes an open campus at all district high schools in which students *in 11th and 12th grades* shall have the privilege of leaving campus during lunch.

The principal or designee shall ensure that students granted this privilege meet any eligibility requirements established by the district.

The district shall send written notification to parents/guardians about the open campus policy at the beginning of the school year along with the parental notification required by Education Code 48980. Such notification shall include the language prescribed by Education Code 44808.5.

Students shall not leave school grounds at any other time during the school day without express permission of school authorities. Students who leave school without authorization shall be considered to have an unexcused absence and be subject to disciplinary action.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for students to receive permission to leave campus during the school day when necessary for the following reasons:

1. Medical appointments that cannot be scheduled outside school hours
2. Family emergencies
3. Religious observances
4. Court appearances
5. Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 plan accommodations

6. Career or college exploration activities approved by school administration
7. Other justifiable reasons approved by school administration

These procedures shall be designed to be accessible, fair, and efficient for all students, with particular attention to removing barriers that might disproportionately impact students from low-income families, students with disabilities, or other historically marginalized groups

The principal or designee may revoke the open campus privilege for individual students for disciplinary reasons.

Each school site shall implement disciplinary measures for unauthorized campus departures in a manner that:

1. Considers the circumstances and reasons behind the student's actions
2. Applies consequences equitably across all student demographic groups
3. Utilizes progressive discipline approaches that focus on restorative practices
4. Addresses underlying causes of behavior rather than relying solely on punitive measures
5. Provides appropriate supports and interventions, particularly for students demonstrating patterns of unauthorized departures

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly review discipline data related to closed campus violations, disaggregated by student demographics, to ensure equitable application of consequences.

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 Governing 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 35160

[Authority of governing boards](#)

Ed. Code 35160.1

[Broad authority of school districts](#)

Ed. Code 44808.5 [Permission for students to leave school grounds; notice](#)

Ed. Code 48980 [Parent/Guardian notifications](#)

Management Resources

Description

Website [CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)

Cross References

Code	Description
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
3515-E PDF(1)	Campus Security - Use Of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Uas)/Drones On District Grounds
5112.1	Exemptions From Attendance
5112.1	Exemptions From Attendance
5113	Absences And Excuses
5113	Absences And Excuses
5113.1	Chronic Absence And Truancy
5113.1	Chronic Absence And Truancy
5113.11	Attendance Supervision

5131	Conduct
5131-E PDF(1)	Conduct - Elementary Plan
5144	Discipline
5144	Discipline
5144.1	Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process
5144.1	Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process
5145.6	Parent/Guardian Notifications
5145.6-E PDF(1)	Parent/Guardian Notifications
5145.6-E PDF(2)	Parent/Guardian Notifications

