

Policy 5142: Safety

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The Governing Board recognizes the importance of providing a safe school environment that is conducive to learning and engagement and promotes student safety and well-being. Appropriate measures shall be implemented 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, including safe use of technology, and guiding student participation in educational programs and school-sponsored activities.

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

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

Additionally, district employees, volunteers, and contractors shall promote safe environments for student learning and engagement that maintain appropriate boundaries among and between students. (Education Code 32100)

Appropriate boundaries shall be maintained between students and school employees, adult volunteers, and school contractors, and among and between adults employed, volunteering, or under contract with the district, in accordance with Board Policy 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards and Board Policy 4119.24/4219.24/4319.24 - Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions.

In addition, school facilities, including classroom and nonclassroom environments, shall be constructed and furnished in order to promote safe environments for learning and engagement that are easily supervised by district staff. (Education Code 32100)

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.

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.

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
5 CCR 14030	Preliminary procedure, planning and approval of school facilities
5 CCR 14103	Authority of the driver
5 CCR 202	Exclusion of students with a contagious disease
5 CCR 350	Fees not permitted
5 CCR 5552	Playground supervision
5 CCR 5570	When school shall be open and teachers present
5 CCR 570-576	School safety patrols

State

Ed. Code 17280-17317

Ed. Code 17365-17374

Ed. Code 17670

Ed. Code 215.5

Ed. Code 32001

Ed. Code 32020

Ed. Code 32030-32034

Ed. Code 32040

Ed. Code 32100

Ed. Code 32225-32226

Ed. Code 32240-32245

Ed. Code 32250-32254

Ed. Code 32280-32289.5

Ed. Code 33355

Ed. Code 35179.6

Ed. Code 38134

Ed. Code 44807

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Ed. Code 44808.5

Ed. Code 45450-45451

Ed. Code 48900

Ed. Code 49300-49307

Ed. Code 49330-49335

Ed. Code 49341

Ed. Code 49390-49395

Ed. Code 51140

Ed. Code 51202

Ed. Code 51860

Ed. Code 8482-8484.65

Fam. Code 6552

Gov. Code 810-996.6

H&S Code 115725-115735

H&S Code 115775-115800

H&S Code 116046

Pen. Code 245.6

Pen. Code 422.3

Pub. Res. Code 5411

Streets and Highways Code 894

Veh. Code 21100

Description[Field Act; approval of plans and supervision of construction](#)[Field Act; fitness for occupancy; liability of board members](#)

Shade structures

[Student identification cards; safety information](#)[Fire alarms and drills](#)[School gates; entrances for emergency vehicles](#)[Eye safety](#)[Duty to equip school with first aid kit](#)

Professional boundaries between adults and students; safety of learning environments

[Communication devices in classrooms](#)[Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act](#)[CDE School Safety and Security Resource Unit](#)[School safety plans](#)

Protocols for extreme weather conditions

[School-sponsored on-campus event in or around swimming pool](#)[Use of school property](#)[Teachers' duty concerning conduct of students](#)[Exemption from liability when students are not on school property](#)[Permission for high school students to leave school grounds; notice](#)[Crossing guards](#)[Grounds for suspension or expulsion](#)[School safety patrols](#)[Injurious objects](#)[Hazardous materials in school science laboratories](#)[Homicide threats](#)[Water safety](#)[Instruction in personal and public health and safety](#)[Time and facilities for bicycle and scooter safety instruction](#)[After School Education and Safety Program](#)[Caregiver's authorization affidavit](#)[California Tort Claims Act](#)[Playground safety](#)[Wooden playground equipment](#)[Issuance of best practices guidelines for K-12 pool safety](#)

Hazing

[Threats to commit crime resulting in death or great bodily injury at daycare or school](#)[Purchase of playground equipment usable by persons with disabilities](#)[Statewide safety and training programs; electric bicycles](#)[Rules and regulations; crossing guards](#)

State

Veh. Code 21212
 Veh. Code 42200
 Veh. Code 42201
 Vehicle Code 21201

Description

[Use of helmets](#)
[Fines and forfeitures; disposition by cities](#)
[Fines and forfeitures; disposition by counties](#)
[Rules for operation of bicycle on roadway](#)

Federal

6 USC 665k

Description

[Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-Based Practices](#)

Management Resources

American Society for Testing and Materials Pub.

CA Office of the Attorney General Publication

CA Office of the Attorney General Publication

California Department of Education Publication

California Department of Education Publication

Court Decision

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State Ed. Tech. Directors Assoc. Pub.

State of California Publication

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Comm Publication

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Description

[ASTM F1 1487-21, Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use](#)

[School District Legal Obligations to Prevent and Respond to Sexual Harassment, Assault, and Abuse, April 2026](#)

[Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California's TK-12 Schools in Responding to Requests for Access and Information for Immigration Enforcement Purposes, December 2025](#)

[2016 Science Framework](#)

[Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools, 2014](#)

[Dailey v. Los Angeles Unified School District \(1970\) 2 Cal.3d 741](#)

[J.H. v. Los Angeles Unified School District \(2010\) 183 Cal.App.4th 123](#)

[Knight v. Jewett \(1992\) 3 Cal.4th 296](#)

[Lane v. City of Sacramento \(2010\) 183 Cal. App. 4th. 1337](#)

[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](#)

[Wiener v. Southcoast Childcare Centers \(2004\) 32 Cal.4th 1138](#)

[Small Districts, Big Hurdles: Cybersecurity Support for Small, Rural, and Under-resourced School Districts, October 2023](#)

[Protecting Californians From Extreme Heat: A State Action Plan to Build Community Resilience, April 2022](#)

[Public Playground Safety Handbook, 2015](#)

[Government Coordinating Councils](#)

[The Trevor Project](#)

[988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline](#)

[Vulnerable Road Users](#)

[U.S. Department of Education, School Safety and Security](#)

[Online e-bike safety and training program](#)

[Federal Communications Commission, Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program](#)

[Schoolsafety.gov](#)

[U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Fusion Centers](#)

[California State Threat Assessment System](#)

[California Office of Emergency Services](#)

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

Management Resources

Website	National Domestic Violence Hotline
Website	National Recreation and Park Association, Certified Playground Safety Inspector Certification
Website	American Society for Testing and Materials
Website	U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Website	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Website	California Department of Education, Safe Schools
Website	California Department of Public Health
Website	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Website	CSBA

Cross References

	Description
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
1250	Visitors/Outsiders
1250	Visitors/Outsiders
1330.1	Joint Use Agreements
1445	Response To Immigration Enforcement
1445	Response To Immigration Enforcement
3260	Fees And Charges
3260	Fees And Charges
3452	Student Activity Funds
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3512	Equipment
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3514	Environmental Safety
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3514.1	Hazardous Substances
3514.1	Hazardous Substances
3515-E PDF(1)	Campus Security - Use Of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Uas)/Drones On District Grounds
3515.21	Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones)
3515.5	Sex Offender Notification
3515.5	Sex Offender Notification
3516	Emergencies And Disaster Preparedness Plan
3516	Emergencies And Disaster Preparedness Plan
3516.5	Emergency Schedules
3530	Risk Management/Insurance
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4119.21	Professional Standards
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[Exposure Control Plan For Bloodborne Pathogens](#)
[Exposure Control Plan For Bloodborne Pathogens](#)
[Exposure Control Plan For Bloodborne Pathogens](#)
[Professional Standards](#)
[Professional Standards - Code Of Ethics Classified Employees](#)
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[Parent Rights And Responsibilities](#)
[Parent Rights And Responsibilities](#)
[Noncustodial Parents](#)
[Conduct](#)
[Conduct - Elementary Plan](#)
[Student Disturbances](#)
[Student Disturbances](#)
[Positive School Climate](#)
[Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation](#)
[Health Care And Emergencies](#)
[Health Care And Emergencies](#)
[Infectious Diseases](#)
[Infectious Diseases](#)
[Asthma Management](#)
[Asthma Management](#)
[Child Abuse Prevention And Reporting](#)
[Child Abuse Prevention And Reporting](#)
[Suicide Prevention](#)
[Suicide Prevention](#)
[Identification And Reporting Of Missing Children](#)
[Discipline](#)
[Discipline](#)
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