

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 the present class period 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.

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 References

Ed. Code 32210

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[Willful disturbance of public school or meeting](#)

Ed. Code 32211

[Threatened disruption or interference with classes](#)

Ed. Code 32280-32289.5

[School safety plans](#)

Ed. Code 35160

[Authority of governing boards](#)

Ed. Code 38000-38005

[Security departments](#)

Ed. Code 44810

[Willful interference with classroom conduct](#)

Ed. Code 44811

[Disruption of classwork or extracurricular activities](#)

Ed. Code 48900

[Grounds for suspension or expulsion](#)

Ed. Code 48907

[Exercise of free expression; time, place and manner rules and regulations](#)

Ed. Code 51512	Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording device
Pen. Code 243.5	Assault or battery on school property
Pen. Code 403-420	Crimes against the public peace
Pen. Code 415	Fighting; noise; offensive words
Pen. Code 415.5	Disturbance of peace of school
Pen. Code 416	Assembly to disturb peace; refusal to disperse
Pen. Code 626-626.11	Weapons on school grounds and other school crimes
Pen. Code 627-627.10	Access to school premises
Pen. Code 653b	Loitering about schools or public places

Management Resources References

U.S. Department of Education Publication
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[Practical Information on Crisis Planning: A Guide for Schools and Communities, May 2003](#)
[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)
[U.S. Department of Education, Emergency Planning](#)
[California Department of Education, Safe Schools](#)
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