

EMPLOYEE SECURITY

The Governing Board desires to provide a safe and orderly work environment for all employees. As part of the district's comprehensive safety plan, the Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for protecting employees from potentially dangerous persons and situations and for providing necessary assistance and support when emergency situations occur.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)

(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)

Any person who threatens the safety of others at any district facility may be removed by the Superintendent or designee in accordance with AR 3515.2- Disruptions.

Any employee against whom violence or any threat of violence has been directed in the workplace shall notify the Superintendent or designee immediately. As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall initiate legal and security measures to protect the employee and others in the workplace. Such measures may include seeking a temporary restraining order on behalf of the employee pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure 527.8 and/or a gun violence restraining order pursuant to Penal Code 18150 and 18170.

The Superintendent or designee may pursue legal action on behalf of an employee against a student or his/her parent/guardian to recover damages to the employee or his/her property caused by the student's willful misconduct that occurred on district property, at a school or district activity, or in retaliation for lawful acts of the employee in the performance of his/her duties. (Education Code 48904, 48905)

(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)

(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)

(cf. 4156.3/4256.3/4356.3 - Employee Property Reimbursement)

(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide staff development in crisis prevention and intervention techniques, which may include training in classroom management, effective communication techniques, procedures for responding to an active shooter situation, and crisis resolution.

In accordance with law, the Superintendent or designee shall inform teachers, administrators, and/or counselors of crimes and offenses committed by students who may pose a danger in the classroom. (Education Code 48201, 49079; Welfare and Institutions Code 827)

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Reporting of Injurious Objects

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee may make available at appropriate locations, including, but not limited to, district and school offices, gyms, and classrooms, communication devices that would enable two-way communication with law enforcement and others when emergencies occur.

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

Employees shall not carry or possess pepper spray on school property or at school activities except when authorized by the Superintendent or designee for self-defense purposes. When allowed, an employee may only possess pepper spray in accordance with administrative regulations and Penal Code 22810. Any employee who is negligent or careless in the possession or handling of pepper spray shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures.

The Board requires employees to take immediate action upon being made aware that any person is in possession of a weapon or unauthorized injurious object on school grounds or at a school-related or school-sponsored activity. The employee shall use his/her own judgment as to the potential danger involved and shall do one of the following:

1. Confiscate the object and deliver it to the principal immediately
2. Immediately notify the principal, who shall take appropriate action
3. Immediately call 911 and the principal

When informing the principal about the possession or seizure of a weapon or dangerous device, an employee shall report the name(s) of persons involved, witnesses, location, and the circumstances of any seizure.

(cf. 3515.7 - Firearms on School Grounds)
(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

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Reporting of Injurious Objects

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

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Legal Reference: (see next page)

EMPLOYEE SECURITY (continued)*Legal Reference:***EDUCATION CODE***32210-32212 Willful disturbance, public schools or meetings**32225-32226 Communication devices**35208 Liability insurance**35213 Reimbursement for loss, destruction or damage of school property**44014 Report of assault by pupil against school employee**44807 Duty concerning conduct of students**48201 Transfer of student records**48900-48926 Suspension or expulsion**49079 Notification to teacher; student who has engaged in acts re: grounds suspension or expulsion**49330-49335 Injurious objects***CIVIL CODE***51.7 Freedom from violence or intimidation***CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE***527.8 Workplace violence safety***GOVERNMENT CODE***995-996.4 Defense of public employees**3543.2 Scope of representation***PENAL CODE***71 Threatening public officers and employees and school officials**240-246.3 Assault and battery, especially:**241.3 Assault against school bus drivers**241.6 Assault on school employee including board member**243.3 Battery against school bus drivers**243.6 Battery against school employee including board member**245.5 Assault with deadly weapon against school employee including board member**290 Registration of sex offenders**601 Trespass by person making credible threat**626-626.11 School crimes**646.9 Stalking**22810 Purchase, possession, and use of tear gas***WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE***827 Juvenile court proceedings; reports; confidentiality**828.1 District police or security department, disclosure of juvenile records***COURT DECISIONS***City of San Jose v. William Garbett, (2010) 190 Cal. App. 4th 526**Management Resources : (next page)*

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Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

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

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VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Visalia, California

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An employee may use reasonable and necessary force for self-defense or defense of another person, to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to others or damage to property, or to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects within the control of a student. (Education Code 44807, 49001)

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

An employee shall promptly report to the principal or other immediate supervisor any attack, assault, or physical threat made against him/her by a student or by any other individual in relation to the employee's performance of his/her duties, and any action the employee took in response. When appropriate, the employee and the principal or other immediate supervisor shall report the incident to law enforcement.

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

Reports of attack, assault, or threat shall be forwarded immediately to the Superintendent or designee.

(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)

(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

Notice Regarding Student Offenses Committed While Under School Jurisdiction**1. Acts That Are Grounds for Suspension or Expulsion**

- a. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the teacher(s) of each student who, during the previous three school years, has engaged in or is reasonably suspected to have engaged in any act, except the possession or use of tobacco products, that would constitute a ground for suspension or expulsion as specified in AR 5144.1-Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process. This information shall be based upon district records maintained in the ordinary course of business or records received from a law enforcement agency. (Education Code 49079)
- b. Upon receiving a transfer student's record regarding acts committed by the student that resulted in suspension or expulsion, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the student's teacher(s) that the student was suspended from school or expelled from the former district and of the act that resulted in the suspension or expulsion. (Education Code 48201)
- c. Information received by teacher(s) shall be received in confidence for the limited purpose for which it was provided and shall not be further disseminated by the teacher. (Education Code 48201, 49079)

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2. Offenses Reported to the District by a Court

- a. When informed by a court that a minor student has been found by the court to have committed any felony or any misdemeanor involving curfew, gambling, alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, carrying of weapons, a sex offense listed in Penal Code 290, assault or battery, larceny, vandalism, or graffiti, the Superintendent or designee shall expeditiously notify the school principal. (Welfare and Institutions Code 827)
- b. The principal shall expeditiously disseminate this information to any counselor who directly supervises or reports on the student's behavior or progress and to any teacher or administrator directly supervising or reporting on the student's behavior or progress whom the principal thinks may need the information in order to work with the student appropriately, avoid being needlessly vulnerable, or protect others from vulnerability. (Welfare and Institutions Code 827)
- c. Any court-initiated information that a teacher, counselor, or administrator receives shall be kept confidential and used only to rehabilitate the student and protect other students and staff. The information shall be further disseminated only when communication with the student, parent/guardian, law enforcement staff, and probation officer is necessary to rehabilitate the student or to protect students and staff. (Welfare and Institutions Code 827)
- d. When a student is removed from school as a result of an offense, the Superintendent shall hold the court's information in a separate confidential file until the student is returned to the district. If the student is returned to a different district, the Superintendent shall transmit the information provided by the student's parole or probation officer to the superintendent of the new district of attendance. (Welfare and Institutions Code 827)
- e. Any confidential file of court-initiated information shall be kept until the student becomes 18, graduates from high school, or is released from juvenile court jurisdiction, whichever occurs first, and shall then be destroyed. (Welfare and Institutions Code 827)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

EMPLOYEE SECURITY (continued)**Accommodations for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking**

When requested by an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, the district shall provide the employee reasonable accommodations which may include the implementation of safety measures, including: (Labor Code 230)

1. A transfer, reassignment, or modified schedule
2. A changed work telephone or work station
3. An installed lock
4. Assistance in documenting domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other crime that occurs in the workplace
5. Referral to a victim assistance organization
6. Another safety procedure or adjustment to a job structure, workplace facility, or work requirement in response to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other crime

The Superintendent or designee shall engage in a timely, good faith, and interactive process with the employee to determine effective reasonable accommodations that do not pose an undue hardship on the district. In determining whether an accommodation is reasonable, the Superintendent or designee shall consider any exigent circumstance or danger facing the employee. (Labor Code 230)

Upon the request of the Superintendent or designee, an employee requesting a reasonable accommodation shall provide a written statement, signed by the employee or an individual acting on the employee's behalf, certifying that the accommodation is for an authorized purpose. The Superintendent or designee may also request that the employee provide certification of the employee's status as a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Such certification may include: (Labor Code 230)

1. A police report indicating that the employee was a victim
2. A court order protecting or separating the employee from the perpetrator of the crime or abuse, or other evidence from the court or prosecuting attorney that the employee has appeared in court
3. Documentation from a licensed medical professional or health care provider, domestic violence or sexual assault counselor, victim advocate, or counselor that the employee was undergoing treatment or receiving services for physical or mental injuries or abuse resulting in victimization from the crime or abuse

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4. Any other form of documentation that reasonably verifies that the crime or abuse occurred, including, but not limited to, a written statement signed by the employee or by an individual acting on the employee's behalf

Any verbal or written statement, police or court record, or other documentation identifying an employee as a victim shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed by the district except as required by federal or state law or as necessary to protect the employee's safety in the workplace. The employee shall be notified before any authorized disclosure. (Labor Code 230)

Every six months after the date of the certification, the Superintendent or designee may request recertification of the employee's status as a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking or ongoing circumstances related to the crime or abuse. The employee shall notify the Superintendent or designee if, due to changing circumstances, the employee needs a new accommodation or no longer needs an accommodation. (Labor Code 230)

The district shall not retaliate against an employee because of the employee's status as a victim of crime or abuse or for requesting a reasonable accommodation, regardless of whether the request was granted. (Labor Code 230)

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