

OAK PARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POLICY

Series 5000

Students

BP 5131.4(a)

Student Disturbances

The Governing Board desires to provide orderly campuses that create a positive school environment and are conducive to learning. When students initiate or are involved in a campus disturbance that has the potential to threaten the safety of students or staff, the Superintendent or designee may request law enforcement assistance.

The Superintendent or designee and the principal of each school shall establish at each school a disturbance response plan that is intended to curb disruptions which may lead to riots, violence or vandalism at school or school-sponsored events. In developing each school's plan, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with local law enforcement authorities to create guidelines for law enforcement support and intervention.

(cf. 0450 – Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3516 – Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

(cf. 5131.5 – Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti)

Staff are encouraged to be alert to conditions at school that may lead to a disturbance, such as racial or cultural conflict, student protests, or gang intimidation and confrontations. Staff who believe that a disturbance is imminent, or who see a disturbance occurring, shall immediately contact the principal and invoke the school disturbance response plan.

(cf. 4131 – Staff Development)

(cf. 5136 – Gangs)

(cf. 5145.2 – Freedom of Speech/Expression)

(cf. 5145.9 – Hate-Motivated Behavior)

Students who participate in disturbances may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations.

(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

(cf. 5144.2 – Suspension and Expulsion: Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32210 Willful disturbance of public school or meeting

32211 Threatened disruption or interference with classes

32280-32288 School safety plans

35160 Authority of governing boards

38000-38005 Security patrols

44810 Willful interference with classroom conduct

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44811 Disruption of classwork or school activities
48900 Grounds for suspension or expulsion
48907 Student exercise of free expression
51512 Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording device

PENAL CODE

243.5 Assault or battery on school property
403-420 Crimes against the public peace, especially:
415 Fighting; noise; offensive words
415.5 Disturbance of peace of school
416 Assembly to disturb peace; refusal to disperse
626-626.10 Crimes on school grounds
627-627.7 Access to school premises
653g Loitering about schools or public places

Management Resources

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

911! A Manual for Schools and the Media During a Campus Crisis, 2001

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Practical Information on Crisis Planning: A Guide for Schools and Communities, May 2003

WEB SITES

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

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

U.S. Department of Education, Emergency Planning: <http://www.ed.gov/adminis/lead/safety/emergencyplan>

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