

FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**Students****STUDENT DISTURBANCES**

The County Superintendent 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, if no other method of de-escalation is successful or is likely to be successful, the County Superintendent or designee may request law enforcement assistance.

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

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 lead site administrator or other site supervisor and invoke the school disturbance response plan.

Students who participate in a campus disturbance shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with County Superintendent/County Board policy and administrative regulations.

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Legal ReferenceEducation 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
- 44811 Disruption of classwork or extracurricular 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

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626-626.10 Crimes on school grounds

627-627.7 Access to school premises

653b Loitering about schools or public places

Management Resources

U.S. Department of Education Publications

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

Websites

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/admins/lead/safety/emergencyplan>