Students
BULLYING

The County Superintendent and County Board recognize the harmful effects of bullying on student well-being, student learning, and school attendance, and desire to provide a safe school environment that protects students from physical and emotional harm. No individual or group shall, through physical, written, verbal, visual, or other means, harass, sexually harass, threaten, intimidate, cyberbully, cause bodily injury to, or commit hate violence against any student or school personnel, or retaliate against them for filing a complaint or participating in the complaint resolution process.

The County Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for addressing bullying in County Superintendent/County Board schools with the involvement of students, parents/guardians, and staff. As appropriate, the County Superintendent or designee may also collaborate with social services, mental health services, law enforcement, courts, and other agencies and community organizations in the development and implementation of effective strategies to promote safety in schools and the community.

Such strategies shall be incorporated into the comprehensive safety plan and, to the extent possible, into the local control and accountability plan and other applicable school plans.

Any complaint of bullying shall be investigated and, if determined to be discriminatory, resolved in accordance with law and the County Superintendent's uniform complaint procedures specified in AR 1312.3. If, during the investigation, it is determined that a complaint is about nondiscriminatory bullying, the County Superintendent or designee shall inform the complainant and shall take all necessary actions to resolve the complaint.

Any employee who permits or engages in bullying or retaliation related to bullying shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

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Legal Reference

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200-262.4  Prohibition of discrimination
32282  Comprehensive safety plan
32283.5  Bullying; online training
35181  Governing board policy on responsibilities of students
35291-35291.5  Rules
46600  Student transfers
48900-48925  Suspension or expulsion
48985  Translation of notices
52060-52077  Local control and accountability plan
Penal Code
422.55 Definition of hate crime
647 Use of camera or other instrument to invade person's privacy; misdemeanor
647.7 Use of camera or other instrument to invade person's privacy; punishment
653.2 Electronic communication devices, threats to safety

Code of Regulations, Title 5
4600-4670 Uniform complaint procedures

United States Code, Title 47
254 Universal service discounts (e-rate)

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 28
35.107 Nondiscrimination on basis of disability; complaints

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34
104.7 Designation of responsible employee for Section 504
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Dear Colleague Letter: Harassment and Bullying, October 2010

Websites
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California Department of Education, Safe Schools Office: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss
Center on Great Teachers and Leaders: http://gtlcenter.org
Common Sense Media: http://www.commonsensemedia.org
National School Safety Center: http://www.schoolsafety.us
Partnership for Children and Youth: http://www.partnerforchildren.org

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