

Santa Barbara School Districts

Board Policy

BP 5131

Students

CONDUCT

The Governing Board believes that all students have the right to a public education in a positive environment free from disruptions that interfere with teaching and learning activities. In order to promote an atmosphere conducive to learning, it is imperative that the Board, parents/guardians, students, teachers and the administration be cognizant of their responsibilities related to student conduct.

Governing Board

The Board is responsible for prescribing rules for the government and discipline of the schools under its jurisdiction. The Board holds the certificated personnel responsible for the proper conduct and control of students under their charge within the behavioral guidelines established by the Board in conjunction with the administration. The Board shall provide all reasonable support to certificated personnel with respect to student conduct and discipline.

Superintendent

The Superintendent shall establish the necessary procedures to implement and enforce the Board's discipline policy. He/she shall notify the parents/guardians of all students of the availability of the district's policy and procedures related to conduct and discipline.

School Principal

The school principal shall initiate and enforce a set of school rules, in keeping with district policy and regulation, which facilitate effective learning and promote attitudes and habits of good citizenship.

School rules shall be communicated by the principal to continuing students at the beginning of the fall semester and to transfer students at the time of their enrollment. (Ed. Code 35291)

The principal shall support the classroom teacher in his/her efforts to promote improved and acceptable behavior in students.

Teachers

Teachers shall conduct a well-planned effective classroom program and initiate and enforce a set of classroom regulations that facilitate effective learning.

Teachers shall cooperate with administrators and other classroom teachers in enforcing general school rules and appropriate campus behavior.

Parents/Guardians

Parents/guardians are expected to comply with the laws governing the conduct and education of their children. They shall also be expected to cooperate with school authorities regarding the behavior of their children. Parents/guardians shall be held liable for misconduct of students which leads to the death or injury to any student or to any persons employed by or volunteering for the school district. Parents/guardians are also liable for defacement, injury or loss of any district property belonging to the district. Penalties shall be those specified in law.

Students

Students shall be properly instructed in the rules and regulations pertaining to acceptable conduct as set by the Board. All students shall comply with the regulations of the school district, comply with the course of study and submit to the authority of the teachers and administration of the schools. (Education Code 48908)

Students should have the freedom and be encouraged to express their individuality in any way as long as their conduct does not infringe upon the freedom of other students or interfere with the instructional program.

Students who violate the law or the rules and regulations of the school district may be subject to the transfer to alternative programs, discipline, suspension, exclusion or expulsion.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35181	Governing board policy on responsibilities of students
35291	Rules
48900-48925	Suspension or expulsion

48908 Duties of pupils
48980-48981 Notification of parent or guardian
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
300-307 Duties of pupils

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