**Students** BP 5131(a)

**CONDUCT**

The Governing Board believes that all students have the right to be educated in a positive learning environment free from disruptions. On school grounds and at school activities, students shall be expected to exhibit appropriate conduct that does not infringe upon the rights of others or interfere with the school program.

Behavior is considered appropriate when students are diligent in study, careful with school property, courteous, and respectful towards their teachers, other staff, students and volunteers.

*(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)*

The Executive Director or designee shall develop standards of conduct and discipline.

Students and parents/guardians shall be notified of College and Career Advantage (CCA) rules related to conduct and shall receive regular instruction regarding these rules. In addition, parents/guardians and students may be provided information about early warning signs of harassing/intimidating behaviors, such as bullying, as well as prevention and intervention strategies.

Prohibited student conduct includes but is not limited to:

1. Behavior that endangers staff and/or students

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

*(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)*

*(cf. 5142 - Safety)*

2. Behavior that disrupts the orderly classroom or school environment

*(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)*

3. Harassment of students or staff, including bullying, intimidation, hazing, or initiation activity or any other verbal, written or physical conduct that causes or threatens to cause bodily harm or emotional suffering

*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*

*(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)*

4. Damage to or theft of property belonging to CCA, staff or students

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

*(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti)*

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**CONDUCT** (continued)

5. Profane, vulgar or abusive language

*(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)*

6. Plagiarism or dishonesty in school work or on tests

*(cf. 5131.9 - Academic Honesty)*

*(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)*

*(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)*

7. Inappropriate dress

*(cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming)*

8. Failure to remain on school premises in accordance with school rules

9. Possession, use, sale, or attempted sale of any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or drug paraphernalia.

10 Smoking on CCA grounds; CCA is a smoke-free facility.

**Possession of Cellular Phones and Other Personal Electronic Signaling Devices**

No student shall be prohibited from possessing or using an electronic signaling device that is determined by a licensed physician or surgeon to be essential for the student’s health and the use of which is limited to health-related purposes. (Education Code 48901.5)

Students may possess or use personal electronic signaling devices, including but not limited to pagers, beepers and cellular/digital telephones.

Permitted devices shall:

1. Be turned off during class time and at any other time directed by a CCA employee

2. Not disrupt the educational program or school activity

If a disruption occurs, the employee shall direct the student to turn off the device and/or confiscate it. If a school employee finds it necessary to confiscate a device, he/she may either return it at the end of the class period or school day or keep it until the Executive Director or designee has consulted with the student’s parent/guardian.

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**CONDUCT** (continued)

A student who violates this policy may be prohibited from possessing a personal electronic signaling device at school or school-related events.

**Enforcement of Standards**

Employees are expected to provide appropriate supervision to enforce standards of conduct and, if they observe or become aware of a violation of these standards, to immediately intervene or call for assistance. If an employee believes a matter has not been resolved, he/she shall refer the matter to his/her supervisor or administrator for further investigation.

Students who violate CCA or school rules and regulations may be subject to discipline, including but not limited to suspension, expulsion or transfer to alternative programs in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. In addition, when the conduct involves intimidation, harassment, or other endangerment of a student or employee, the Executive Director or designee shall provide appropriate assistance as necessary for the victim and the offender or make appropriate referrals for such assistance.

*(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)*

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*

*Legal Reference:*

*EDUCATION CODE*

*35181 Governing board policy on responsibilities of students*

*35291-35291.5 Rules*

*44807 Duty concerning conduct of students*

*48900-48925 Suspension or expulsion, especially:*

*48908 Duties of students*

*CIVIL CODE*

*1714.1 Liability of parents and guardians for willful misconduct of minor*

*PENAL CODE*

*245.6 Hazing*

*417.25-417.27 Laser scope*

*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5*

*300-307 Duties of pupils*

*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42*

*2000h-2000h6 Title IX, 1972 Education Act Amendments*

*Management Resources: (next page)*

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**CONDUCT** (continued)

*Management Resources:*

*CSBA PUBLICATIONS*

*Protecting Our Schools: Governing Board Strategies to Combat School Violence, 1999*

*U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS*

*Preventing Bullying: A Manual for Schools and Communities, 1998*

*WEB SITES*

*California Department of Education, Safe Schools and Violence Prevention Office: http://www.cde.ca.gov/spbranch/safety*

*CSBA: http://www.csba.org*

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