**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 Executive Director or designee may request law enforcement assistance.

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 Executive Director or designee.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

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

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

*(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)*

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline*

*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*

*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*

*626-626.10 Crimes on school grounds*

*627-627.7 Access to school premises*

*653b Loitering about schools or public places*

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**STUDENT DISTURBANCES** (continued)

*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/admins/lead/safety/emergencyplan*](http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/emergencyplan/index.html)

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