

DISCIPLINE

The Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Office of Education desire to prepare students for responsible citizenship by fostering self-discipline and personal responsibility. The County Office believes that high expectations for student behavior, effective classroom management and parent involvement can minimize the need for discipline. Staff shall use preventative measures and positive conflict resolution techniques whenever possible.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

County Office policies and regulations shall delineate acceptable student conduct and provide the basis for sound disciplinary practices. Each school shall develop disciplinary rules to meet the school's individual needs.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

When misconduct occurs, staff shall implement appropriate discipline and attempt to identify and address the causes of the student's behavior. Continually disruptive students may be assigned to alternative programs or removed from school in accordance with law, County Office policy and administrative regulation. At all times, the safety of students and staff and the maintenance of an orderly school environment shall be priorities in determining appropriate discipline.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)
(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)
(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)
(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)
(cf. 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)
(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)
(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

Staff shall enforce disciplinary rules fairly, consistently and without discrimination.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

The Yolo County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall provide professional development as necessary to assist staff in developing classroom management skills and implementing effective disciplinary techniques.

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(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Legal Reference:

CIVIL CODE

1714.1 Parental liability for child's misconduct

EDUCATION CODE

32280-32288 School safety plans

35146 Closed sessions

35291 Rules

35291.5-35291.7 School-adopted discipline rules

37223 Weekend classes

44807.5 Restriction from recess

48900-48926 Suspension and expulsion

48980-48985 Notification of parents or guardians

49000-49001 Prohibition of corporal punishment

49330-49335 Injurious objects

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

307 Participation in school activities until departure of bus

353 Detention after school

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

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

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

1010.89 Physical Exercise as Corporal Punishment, CIL 89/9-3

1223.88 Corporal Punishment, CIL: 88/9-5

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

USDOE: <http://www.ed.gov>

Students

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Site-Level Rules

In developing site-level disciplinary rules, the school shall solicit the participation, views and advice of one representative selected by each of the following groups: (Education Code 35291.5)

1. Parents/guardians
2. Teachers
3. School administrators
4. School security personnel, if any

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

5. For junior high and high schools, students enrolled in the school

The final version of the rules shall be adopted by a panel comprised of the site administrator or designee and a representative selected by classroom teachers employed at the school. Each school shall file a copy of its rules with the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools or designee.

The rules shall be consistent with law, Yolo County Office of Education policy and regulations. The Yolo County Board of Education may review, at an open meeting, the approved school discipline rules for consistency with County Office policy and state law. (Education Code 35291.5)

Each school shall review its site-level discipline rules at least every four years.

It shall be the duty of each employee of the school to enforce the school rules on student discipline. (Education Code 35291)

Disciplinary strategies provided in County Office policy, regulation and law may be used in developing site-level rules. These strategies include but are not limited to:

1. Referral of the student for advice and counseling

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

2. Discussion or conference with parents/guardians

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

3. Recess restriction

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4. Detention during and after school hours
5. Community service
6. Reassignment to an alternative educational environment

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

7. Removal from the class in accordance with County Office policy, administrative regulation and law
8. Suspension and expulsion

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment shall not be used as a disciplinary measure against any student. Corporal punishment includes the willful infliction of, or willfully causing the infliction of, physical pain on a student. (Education Code 49001)

For purposes of this policy, corporal punishment does not include an employee's use of force that is reasonable and necessary to protect the employee, students, staff or other persons or to prevent damage to property or to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects within the control of the student. (Education Code 49001)

(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

Recess Restriction

A teacher may restrict a student's recess time when he/she believes that this action is the most effective way to bring about improved behavior, subject to the following conditions:

1. The student shall be given adequate time to use the restroom and get a drink or eat lunch, as appropriate.
2. The student shall remain under a certificated employee's supervision during the period of restriction.

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3. Teachers shall inform the site administrator of any recess restrictions they impose.

Detention After School

Students may be detained for disciplinary reasons up to one hour after the close of the maximum school day. (5 CCR 353)

If a student will miss his/her school bus on account of being detained after school, or if the student is not transported by school bus, the site administrator or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the detention at least one day in advance so that alternative transportation arrangements may be made. The student shall not be detained unless the site administrator or designee notifies the parent/guardian.

In cases where the school bus departs more than one hour after the end of the school day, students may be detained until the bus departs. (5 CCR 307, 353)

Students shall remain under the supervision of a certificated employee during the period of detention.

Students may be offered the choice of serving their detention on Saturday rather than after school.

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)

Community Service

As part of or instead of disciplinary action, County Superintendent, site administrator or site administrator's designee may, at his/her discretion, require a student to perform community service on school grounds, or with written permission of the student's parent/guardian off school grounds, during nonschool hours. Such service may include, but is not limited to, community or school outdoor beautification, campus betterment, and teacher, peer or youth assistance programs. (Education Code 48900.6)

This community service option is not available for a student who has been suspended, pending expulsion, pursuant to Education Code 48915. However, if the recommended expulsion is not implemented or the expulsion itself is suspended, then a student may be required to perform community service for the resulting suspension pursuant to this section. (Education Code 48900.6)

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Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students

At the beginning of the school year, the County Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians, in writing, about the availability of County Office rules related to discipline. (Education Code 48980)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The County Superintendent or designee shall also provide written notice of the rules related to discipline to transfer students at the time of their enrollment in the County Office schools/programs.