Campus Security

The Governing Board is committed to providing a school environment that promotes the safety of students, staff, and visitors to school grounds. The Board also recognizes the importance of protecting district property, facilities, and equipment from vandalism and theft.

(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)
(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop campus security procedures which, may be included in the district's comprehensive safety plan and/or site-level safety plans. Such procedures shall be regularly reviewed to reflect changed circumstances and to assess their effectiveness in achieving safe school objectives.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

Surveillance Systems

In consultation with the district’s safety planning committee, relevant stakeholders, the Superintendent or designee shall identify appropriate locations for the placement of surveillance cameras. Cameras shall not be placed in areas where students, staff, or community members have a reasonable expectation of privacy. Any audio capability on the district’s surveillance equipment shall be disabled so that sounds are not recorded.

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)
(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

Prior to the operation of the surveillance system, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that signs are posted at conspicuous and targeted locations around school buildings and grounds. These signs shall state that the facility uses video surveillance equipment for security purposes and that the equipment may be actively monitored at any time. The Superintendent or designee shall also provide written notice to students and parents/guardians that the district utilizes a surveillance system and the recordings may be used in disciplinary proceedings and/or referred to local law enforcement, as appropriate.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

To the extent that any images from the district's surveillance system create a student or personnel record, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the images are accessed, retained, and disclosed in accordance with law, Board policy, administrative regulation, and any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Records)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

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32020 Access gates
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32280-32289 School safety plans
35160 Authority of governing boards
35160.1 Broad authority of school districts
38000-38005 Security departments
49050-49051 Searches by school employees
49060-49079 Student records
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626-626.11 Disruption of schools
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24
1010.1.9 Door operations
1010.1.11 Lockable doors from the inside
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Article 1, Section 28(c) Right to Safe Schools
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