SAFE SCHOOLS

The Chico Unified School District Board of Education believes that every student has a legal right to attend a safe and secure school and its related activities. Students must demonstrate responsibility in exercising their rights, and they are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the values of the school district and the community.

The school staff has the authority and support to maintain discipline in order for the schools to function in accordance with their intended purpose. The Board will not tolerate activities which threaten the safety and well-being of students, staff or property. School personnel will hold students to strict account for their conduct at school and at all school related activities. Additionally, school personnel have the authority and, when it is practicable, will hold students accountable for their conduct while the students are going to or coming from school and/or any school related activity.

The Board rejects any substantiated group activity, including gang activity, which advocates hazing, drug use, violence, vandalism, disruptive behavior or other illegal activities on school grounds or at school functions. Students wearing, carrying, or displaying gang paraphernalia, making gestures which symbolize gang membership, or intimidating another student may be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for developing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating procedures to implement this policy.

SELECTED STATUTORY REFERENCE(S)

Education Code §
32050 - "Hazing"
32051 - Hazing; prohibition; violation; misdemeanor
48907 - Student exercise of free expression
48900 - Grounds for suspension or expulsion; legislative intent
48900.5 - Suspension; limitation on imposition; exception
51264 - In-service training; gang violence and drug and alcohol abuse prevention
51265 - Legislative intent; gang violence and drug and alcohol abuse prevention in-service training

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