

## Students

### DISCIPLINE

SP 5144.00

The County Superintendent desires to prepare youth for responsible citizenship by fostering self-discipline and personal responsibility. It is perceived that good planning, a good understanding of each child and parent involvement can minimize the need for discipline. The County Superintendent directs site administrators to establish procedures that ensure that a productive learning environment is maintained.

Certificated staff is responsible for the proper conduct and control of students under their charge within established behavioral guidelines. When misconduct occurs, staff shall make every effort to identify and correct the causes of such behavior. Site administrators shall provide all reasonable support to certificated staff with respect to student conduct and discipline.

Certificated staff is directed to use positive conflict resolution techniques and avoid unnecessary confrontations. It is recognized, however, that not all procedures involved in maintaining appropriate student behavior and discipline are positive. Continually disruptive students may be assigned to alternative programs or removed from school.

Staff shall enforce disciplinary rules fairly and consistently, without regard to race, creed, color or sex.

### Prohibition of Corporal Punishment

The County Superintendent directs that no employee shall inflict or cause to be inflicted corporal punishment upon a student. An amount of force that is reasonable and necessary for an employee to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to any person or damage to property, for purposes of self-defense or to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects within the control of the student shall not be construed to be corporal punishment.

#### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

*35146 Closed sessions*

*35291 Rules*

*35291.5 School-adopted discipline rules*

*35291.7 School-adopted discipline rules: additional employees*

*37223 Weekend classes*

*44807.5 Restriction from recess*

*48630-48644.5 Opportunity schools*

*48900-48925 Suspension and expulsion*

*48980-48985 Notification of parents or guardians*

*49000-49001 Prohibition of corporal punishment*

*49330-49334 Injurious objects*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

*307 Participation in school activities until departure of bus*  
*353 Detention after school*

*Management Resources:*

*CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES*

*1023.88 Corporal Punishment, CIL: 88/9-5 1110.89 Physical Exercise as Corporal Punishment, CIL 89/9-3*

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