

OFFICE OF THE SOLANO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Series 5000 – STUDENTS

Policy 5142

Safety

The Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) recognizes the importance of providing a safe school environment that is conducive to learning and helps ensure student safety and the prevention of student injury. The County Superintendent or designee shall implement appropriate practices to minimize the risk of harm to students, including, but not limited to, practices relative to school facilities and equipment, the outdoor environment, educational programs, and school-sponsored activities.

Staff shall be responsible for the proper supervision of students during school hours, during school-sponsored activities, and while students are using SCOE transportation to and from school.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students receive appropriate instruction on topics related to safety, as well as injury and disease prevention.

Each principal or designee shall establish school rules for the safe and appropriate use of school equipment and materials and for student conduct consistent with law, SCOE policy, and administrative regulation. Copies of the rules shall be distributed to parents/guardians and shall be readily available at the school at all times.

Release of Students

Students shall be released during the school day only to the custody of an adult if:

1. The adult is the student's custodial parent/guardian.
2. The adult has been authorized on the student's emergency card as someone to whom the student may be released when the custodial parent/guardian cannot be reached, and the principal or designee verifies the adult's identity.
3. The adult is an authorized law enforcement officer acting in accordance with law.
4. The adult is taking the student to emergency medical care at the request of the principal or designee.

Supervision of Students

Every teacher shall hold students accountable for their conduct on the way to and from school and on the school grounds.

The principal or designee shall require all individuals supervising students to remain alert in spotting dangerous conditions, promptly report any such conditions to the principal or designee, and file a written report on such conditions as appropriate.

In arranging for appropriate supervision on school grounds, the principal or designee shall:

1. Where supervision is not otherwise provided, provide for certificated employees to supervise the conduct and safety, and direct the play, of students who are on school grounds before and after school and during recess and other intermissions
2. Clearly identify supervision zones on the school grounds and require all supervisors to remain outside at a location from which they can observe their entire zone of supervision
3. Consider the size of the school grounds, the number of areas that are not immediately visible, and the age of the students to determine the ratio of supervisors to students

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers, teacher aides, school ground supervisors, yard aides, and volunteers who supervise students receive training in safety practices and in supervisory techniques that will help them to forestall problems and resolve conflicts. Such training shall be documented and kept on file.

Hearing Protection

The Superintendent or designee shall monitor students' exposure to excessive noise in classrooms and provide protection as necessary. The Superintendent or designee also may provide hearing conservation education to teach students ways to protect their hearing.

Eye Safety Devices

The Superintendent or designee shall provide schools with eye safety devices for use whenever students, teachers, or visitors are engaged in or observing an activity or using hazardous substances likely to cause injury to the eyes. Eye safety devices may be sold to students for an amount not to exceed their actual cost to SCOE.

Protection Against Insect Bites

To help protect students against insect bites or stings that may spread disease or cause allergic reactions, students shall be allowed to apply insect repellent provided by their parents/guardians, under the supervision of school personnel, and in accordance with the manufacturer's directions, when engaging in outdoor activities.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 8482-8484.6 After School Education and Safety Program
- 17280-17317 Building approvals (Field Act)
- 17365-17374 Fitness of school facilities for occupancy
- 32001 Fire alarms and drills
- 32020 School gates; entrances for emergency vehicles
- 32030-32034 Eye safety
- 32040 First aid equipment
- 32225-32226 Two-way communication devices in classrooms
- 32240-32245 Lead-free schools
- 32250-32254 CDE school safety and security resources unit
- 32280-32289 Safety plans
- 44807 Duty of teachers concerning conduct of students
- 44808 Exemption from liability when students are not on school property
- 44808.5 Permission for students to leave school grounds; notice (high school)
- 48900 Hazing
- 49300-49307 School safety patrol
- 49330-49335 Injurious objects
- 49341 Hazardous materials in school science laboratories
- 51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 810-996.6 California Tort Claims Act

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

- 115725-115735 Playground safety
- 115775-115800 Wooden playground equipment
- 115810-115816 Playground safety and recycling grants

PENAL CODE

- 245.6 Hazing

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

- 5411 Purchase of equipment usable by physically disabled persons

Legal Reference: (Continued)

VEHICLE CODE

- 21100 Rules and regulations; crossing guards
- 21212 Use of helmets
- 42200 Fines and forfeitures, disposition by cities
- 42201 Fines and forfeitures, disposition by counties

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 202 Exclusion of students with a contagious disease
- 570-576 School safety patrols
- 5531 Supervision of social activities
- 5552 Playground supervision
- 5570 When school shall be open and teachers present
- 14103 Bus driver; authority over pupils

COURT DECISIONS

- Wiener v. Southcoast Childcare Centers, (2004) 32 Cal.4th 1138
- Kahn v. East Side Union High School District, (2003) 31 Cal.4th 990
- Hoyem v. Manhattan Beach City School District, (1978) 22 Cal. 3d 508
- Dailey v. Los Angeles Unified School District, (1970) 2 Cal 3d 741

Policy Cross-Reference:

- 0450 Comprehensive Safety Plan
- 1240 Volunteer Assistance
- 3260 Fees and Charges
- 3320 Claims and Actions
- 3514 Environmental Safety
 - 3514.1 Hazardous Substances
 - 3514.2 Integrated Pest Management
 - 3515.2 Disruptions
- 3516 Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan
- 3530 Risk Management/Insurance
- 3542 School Bus Drivers
- 3543 Transportation Safety and Emergencies
- 4119.42 Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens
- 4119.43 Universal Precautions
- 4131 Staff Development
- 5021 Noncustodial Parents
- 5131 Conduct
 - 5131.1 Bus Conduct
 - 5131.4 Student Disturbances
- 5138 Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation
- 5141 Health Care and Emergencies
 - 5141.22 Infectious Diseases
 - 5141.4 Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting
 - 5141.7 Sun Safety
- 5142.1 Identification and Reporting of Missing Children
- 5143 Insurance
- 5144 Discipline
 - 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process
- 5145.11 Questioning and Apprehension

Policy Cross-Reference: (Continued)

- 6142.8 Comprehensive Health Education
- 6145 Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities
- 6153 School-Sponsored Trips
- 6161.3 Toxic Art Supplies
- 6163.2 Animals at School
- 7111 Evaluating Existing Buildings