STUDENT DISTURBANCES

The Board of Education desires to provide orderly campuses that create a positive school environment and are conducive to learning. When students initiate or are involved in a campus disturbance that has the potential to threaten the safety of students or staff, the Superintendent or designee may request law enforcement assistance.

The Superintendent or designee and the principal of each school shall follow applicable district emergency procedures on disturbances and demonstrations, available to staff with employee login, which provide protocols to curb disruptions that may lead to riots, violence, or vandalism at school or at school-sponsored events.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)

Staff are encouraged to be alert to conditions at school or school-sponsored events that may lead to a disturbance, such as racial or cultural conflict, student protests, or gang intimidations or confrontations. Staff who believe that a disturbance is imminent or who witness a disturbance occurring, shall contact the site principal and refer to applicable district emergency procedures.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)
(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

Students who participate in a campus disturbance shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations.

(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
32210 Willful disturbance of public school or meeting
32211 Threatened disruption or interference with classes
32280-32288 School safety plans
35160 Authority of governing boards
38000-38005 Security patrols
44810 Willful interference with classroom conduct
44811 Disruption of classwork or extracurricular activities
48900 Grounds for suspension or expulsion
48907 Student exercise of free expression
51512 Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording device

PENAL CODE
243.5 Assault or battery on school property
403-420 Crimes against the public peace, especially:
STUDENT DISTURBANCES (continued)

415 Fighting; noise; offensive words
415.5 Disturbance of peace of school
416 Assembly to disturb peace; refusal to disperse
626-626.10 Crimes on school grounds
627-627.7 Access to school premises
653b Loitering about schools or public places

Management Resources:
CSBA PUBLICATIONS
911! A Manual for Schools and the Media During a Campus Crisis, 2001
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
Practical Information on Crisis Planning: A Guide for Schools and Communities, May 2003
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education, Safe Schools Office: http://www.cde.ca.gov/lS/ss