

## VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**BOARD POLICY NO. 5131**

**ADOPTED: 12/09/02**

**CLASSIFICATION: Students**

**REVISED: 05/29/12**

**SUBJECT: Conduct**

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The Governing Board and County Superintendent believe that all students have the right to be educated in a positive learning environment free from disruptions. On school grounds and at school activities, while going to or coming from school, and while on district transportation students shall be expected to exhibit appropriate conduct that does not infringe upon the rights of others or interfere with the school program.

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each school site develops standards of conduct and discipline consistent with district policies and administrative regulations.

Behavior is considered appropriate when students are diligent in study, careful with school property, courteous and respectful towards their teachers, other staff, students and volunteers.

**PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:**

1. Behavior that disrupts the orderly classroom or school environment
2. Behavior that endangers staff and/or students
3. Harassment or bullying of students or staff, including but not limited to, cyberbullying, intimidation, hazing, or initiation activity, extortion, or any other verbal, written or physical conduct that causes or threatens to cause violence, bodily harm, ~~or~~ emotional suffering, or substantial disruption.
4. Damage to or theft of property belonging to the district, staff or students
5. Except with prior consent for health reasons, use of electronic signaling devices during school hours and at school related activities. Electronic signaling devices may include, but are not limited to, pagers, beepers and cellular telephones.
6. Possession or use of laser pointers, unless used for a valid instructional or other school-related purpose, including employment

Prior to bringing a laser pointer on school premises, students shall first obtain permission from the principal or designee. The principal or designee shall determine whether the requested use of the laser pointer is for a valid instructional or other school-related purpose.

7. Use of profane, vulgar or abusive language
8. Plagiarism or dishonesty in school work or on tests
9. Inappropriate attire
10. Tardiness and unexcused absence from school
11. Failure to remain on school premises in accordance with school rules
12. Possession, use, or being under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, or other prohibited drugs

Students and parents/guardians shall be notified of district and school rules related to conduct.

#### ENFORCEMENT OF STANDARDS

Employees are expected to provide appropriate supervision to enforce standards of conduct and, if they observe or become aware of a violation of these standards, to immediately intervene or call for assistance. If an employee believes a matter has not been resolved, they shall refer the matter to their supervisor or administrator for further action.

Students who violate district or school rules and regulations may be subject to discipline, including but not limited to suspension, expulsion or transfer. The Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement as appropriate.

## Legal References:

### EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4	Prohibition of discrimination
32261	Bullying
35181	Governing board policy on responsibilities of students
35291-35291.5	Rules
44807	Duty concerning conduct of students
48900-48925	Suspension or expulsion
48908	Duties of students
51512	Prohibition against electronic listening or recording device in classroom without permission

### CIVIL CODE

1714.1	Liability of parents and guardians for willful misconduct of minor
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### PENAL CODE

288.2	Harmful matter with intent to seduce
313	Harmful matter
417.25-417.27	Laser scope
647 – 647.7	Use of camera or other instrument to invade person's privacy; misdemeanor
653.2	Electronic communication devices, threats to safety

### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

300-307	Duties of pupils
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### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000h-2000h6	Title IX, 1972 Education Act Amendments
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### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards, Policy Brief, July 2007