

**POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE**

The Governing Board desires to provide an orderly and caring learning environment in which students work diligently on their studies, feel comfortable, share responsibility for maintaining a positive school climate, and take pride in their school and their achievements. District staff shall encourage and reward success and achievement, participation in community projects, and positive student conduct.

*(cf. 5123 - Awards for Achievement)*  
*(cf. 6142.4 - Community Service)*

The District shall encourage attitudes and behaviors that promote mutual respect and harmonious relations. The schools shall promote nonviolent conflict resolution techniques and provide students with opportunities to voice their concerns about school policies and practices in responsible, appropriate ways. The Superintendent or designee may initiate student courts, campus beautification projects, buddy systems, vandalism prevention campaigns, and other programs in which students may identify and solve problems that affect their schools.

*(cf. 5146 - Campus Disturbances)*  
*(cf. 5144 - Gangs)*

Students shall not: bully or injure other students; use vulgar, obscene or inflammatory language which challenges others toward violence; or damage or deface school or personal property. Students who do so shall be subject to appropriate counseling and discipline in accordance with law.

*(cf. 5184 - Freedom of Speech/Expression: Publications Code)*  
*(cf. 5183 - Sexual Harassment)*

The Board encourages classroom use of conflict resolution and cooperative learning techniques and other strategies that foster positive social interactions among students from diverse backgrounds. The District shall provide instruction and counseling designed to promote positive racial and ethnic identity, help students understand diverse cultures, teach them to think critically about racial bias, and show them how to deal with discriminatory behavior in appropriate ways.

*(cf. 6161 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)*  
*(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)*  
*(cf. 6141.6 - Multicultural Education)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE** (continued)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*35160 Authority of governing boards*

*35160.1 Broad authority of school districts*

*48907 Student exercise of free expression*

*48950 Freedom of speech*

*48900.3 Hate Violence*

*48900.4 Harassment, Intimidation*

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