EL DORADO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD POLICY

Students

SAFETY
BP 5142

Note: The California Tort Claims Act (Government Code 810-96.6) provides that a district may be held liable for personal injuries caused by dangerous conditions on school property and could be liable for its employees’ failure to use reasonable care to prevent foreseeable injuries resulting from school activities. Within the scope of their employment, school staff must exercise the degree of care “which a person of ordinary prudence, charged with (comparable) duties, would exercise under the same circumstances.” Daily v. Los Angeles Unified School District

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of providing a safe school environment in order to help ensure student safety and the prevention of student injury. The 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.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)
(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)
(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)
(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)
(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)
(cf. 4119.42 / 4219.42 / 4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)
(cf. 4119.43 / 4219.43 / 4319.43 - Universal Precautions)
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)
(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)
(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5142.1 - Identification and Reporting of Missing Children)
(cf. 5143 - Insurance)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion / Due Process)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)
(cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies)
(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)
(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)

Staff shall be responsible for the proper supervision of students during school hours, while at school-sponsored activities and while students are using district transportation to and from school.
The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students receive appropriate instruction on topics related to safety, injury prevention, and disease prevention.

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

**Legal Reference:**

**EDUCATION CODE**
- 8482-8484.6 After School Learning and Safe Neighborhood Partnerships Program
- 17280-17317 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 School 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 pupils
- 44808 Exemption from liability when students are not on school property
- 44808.5 Permission for pupils to leave school grounds; notice (high school)
- 45450-45441 Crossing guards
- 48900 Hazing
- 49300-49307 School safety patrol
- 49330-49335 Injurious objects
- 49341 Need for safety in school science laboratories
- 51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

**GOVERNMENT CODE**
- 810-996.6 California Tort Claims Act, especially:

**HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE**
- 115725-115735 Playground Equipment
- 115775-115800 Wooden Playground Safety
- 115810-115816 Playground safety and recycling grants

**PENAL CODE**
- 245.6 hazing

**PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE**
- 5411 Purchase of equipment usable by physically handicapped persons

**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 pupils with a contagious disease
- 570-576 School safety patrols
SAFETY (continued)

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
Hoyem v. Manhattan Beach City School District (1978) 22 Cal. 3d 508

Management Resources:
AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS
F 1487-05, Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specifications for Playground Equipment for Public Use, 2005
U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS
WEB SITES
CDE, School Safe Schools Office: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss
California Department of Health Services: http://dhs.ca.gov
Environmental Protection Agency: http://www.epa.gov
Centers for Disease Control: http://www.cdc.gov
U.S. Department of Education, Safe Schools: http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/gtss.html