

LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Students

AR 5144(a)

Discipline

In developing site-level disciplinary rules, the school shall solicit the participation, views and advice of one representative selected by each of the following groups: (Education Code 35291.5)

1. Parents/guardians
2. Teachers
3. School administrators
4. School security personnel, if any

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

5. For middle and high schools, students enrolled in the school

The final version of the rules shall be adopted by a panel comprised of the principal or designee and a representative selected by classroom teachers employed at the school. Each school shall file a copy of its rules with the Superintendent or designee.

The rules shall be consistent with law, Board policy and district regulations. The Board of Education may review, at an open meeting, the approved school discipline rules for consistency with Board policy and state law. (Education Code 35291.5)

Each school shall review its site-level discipline rules at least every four years.

It shall be the duty of each employee of the school to enforce the school rules on student discipline. (Education Code 35291)

Disciplinary Strategies

To the extent possible, staff shall use disciplinary strategies that keep students in school and participating in the instructional program. Disciplinary strategies provided in Board policy, regulation and law may be used in developing site-level rules. These strategies include but are not limited to:

1. Referral of the student to the school counselor or other school support service personnel for case management and counseling

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

2. Discussion or conference with school staff and the parents/guardians

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(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

3. Convening of a study, guidance, resource panel, or other intervention-related team to assess the behavior and develop and implement an individual plan to address the behavior in partnership with the student and his/her parents/guardians
4. When applicable, referral for a comprehensive psychosocial or psychoeducational assessment, including for purposes of creating an individualized education program or a Section 504 plan
5. Enrollment in a program for teaching prosocial behavior or anger management
6. Participation in a restorative justice program
7. A positive behavior support approach with tiered interventions that occur during the school day on campus
8. After-school programs that address specific behavioral issues or expose students to positive activities and behaviors, including, but not limited to, those operated in collaboration with local parent and community groups
9. Recess restriction as provided in the section below titled "Recess Restriction"
10. Detention after school hours as provided in the section below titled "Detention After School"
11. Community service as provided in the section below titled "Community Service"
12. In accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation, restriction or disqualification from participation in extracurricular activities

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

13. Reassignment to an alternative educational environment
14. Suspension and expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

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Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment shall not be used as a disciplinary measure against any student. Corporal punishment includes the willful infliction of, or willfully causing the infliction of, physical pain on a student. (Education Code 49001)

For purposes of this policy, corporal punishment does not include an employee's use of force that is reasonable and necessary to protect the employee, students, staff or other persons or to prevent damage to property or to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects within the control of the student. In addition, corporal punishment does not include any pain or discomfort suffered by a student as a result of his/her voluntary participation in an athletic or other recreational competition or activity. (Education Code 49001)

(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)
(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

Recess Restriction

An administrator or teacher may restrict a student's recess time when he/she believes that this action is the most effective way to bring about improved behavior. When recess restriction may involve the withholding of physical activity from a student, the teacher shall try other disciplinary measures before imposing the restriction. Recess restriction shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. The student shall be given adequate time to use the restroom and get a drink or eat lunch, as appropriate.
2. The student shall remain under an employee's supervision during the period of restriction.
3. Teachers shall inform the principal of any recess restrictions they impose.

Detention After School

Students may be detained for disciplinary reasons up to one hour after the close of the maximum school day. (5 CCR 353)

Students shall remain under the supervision of a certificated employee during the period of detention.

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)

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Community Service

As part of or instead of disciplinary action, the Board, Superintendent, principal or principal's designee may, at his/her discretion, require a student to perform community service on school grounds, or with written permission of the student's parent/guardian off school grounds, during non-school hours. Such service may include, but is not limited to, community or school outdoor beautification, campus betterment, and teacher, peer or youth assistance programs. (Education Code 48900.6)

This community service option is not available for a student who has been suspended, pending expulsion, pursuant to Education Code 48915. However, if the recommended expulsion is not implemented or the expulsion itself is suspended, then a student may be required to perform community service for the resulting suspension pursuant to this section. (Education Code 48900.6)

Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students

At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians, in writing, about the availability of district rules related to discipline. (Education Code 48980)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The Superintendent or designee shall also provide written notice of the rules related to discipline to transfer students at the time of their enrollment in the district.

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