

ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Costa Mesa, California

SUPERINTENDENT'S POLICY

100-19

Student Disturbances

The Orange County Department 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 may establish a school disturbance response plan that is intended to curb disruptions which may lead to riots, violence, or vandalism at school or at school-sponsored events. In developing each school's plan, the Superintendent or designee may consult with local law enforcement authorities to create guidelines for law enforcement support and intervention.

Staff are encouraged to be alert to conditions at school that may lead to a disturbance, such as racial or cultural conflict, student protests, or gang intimidation and confrontations. Staff who believe that a disturbance is imminent, or who see a disturbance occurring, shall immediately contact the principal and invoke the school disturbance response plan.

Students who participate in a campus disturbance may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Orange County Department of Education policy and procedures.

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:
- 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