

STUDENTS

Conduct

The El Dorado County Office of Education believes that all students have the right to a public education in a positive environment free from disruptions which interfere with teaching and learning activities. In order to promote an atmosphere conducive to learning, it is imperative that the County Office of Education, parents, students, teachers and the administration be cognizant of their responsibilities related to student conduct.

El Dorado County Office of Education

The County Office of Education is responsible for prescribing rules for the behavior and discipline of the schools under its jurisdiction. The County Office of Education holds the certificated personnel responsible for the proper conduct and control of students under their charge within the behavioral guidelines established by the County Office of Education. The County Office of Education shall provide reasonable support to certificated personnel with respect to student conduct and discipline.

Superintendent's Designees (Program Administrator)

The Superintendent's designees shall establish the necessary procedures to implement and enforce the County Office of Education's discipline policy. Students and parents/guardians shall be notified of County Office of Education and school rules related to conduct and shall receive regular instruction regarding these rules. In addition, parents/guardians and students may be provided information about early warning signs of harassing/intimidating behaviors, such as bullying, as well as prevention and intervention strategies.

Teachers

Teachers shall conduct a well-planned effective classroom program and initiate and enforce a set of classroom regulations that facilitate effective learning.

Teachers shall cooperate with administrators and other classroom teachers in enforcing general school rules and appropriate campus behavior.

Parents

Parents are expected to comply with the laws governing the conduct and education of their children. They shall also be expected to cooperate with school authorities regarding the behavior of their children. Parents/guardians may be held liable for misconduct of students which leads to the death or injury to any student or to any persons employed by or volunteering for the County Office of Education. Parents/guardians may also be liable for defacement, injury or loss of any County Office of Education property belonging to the County Office of Education. Penalties shall be those specified in law.

Students

Students shall be properly instructed in the rules and regulations pertaining to acceptable conduct as set by the County Office of Education. All students shall comply with the regulations of the County Office of Education, comply with the course of study and submit to the authority of the teachers and administration of the schools.

Students should be encouraged to freely and reasonably express their individuality in any way as long as their conduct does not infringe upon the freedom of other students or interfere with the instructional program.

Students who violate the law or the rules and regulations of the County Office of Education may be subject to the transfer to alternative programs, discipline, suspension, exclusion or expulsion.

Prohibited student conduct is as set forth in Education Code Sections 48900-48900.7.

Possession of Cellular Phones and Other Personal Electronic Signaling Devices

No student shall be prohibited from possessing or using an electronic signaling device that is determined by a licensed physician or surgeon to be essential for the student's health and the use of which is limited to health-related purposes.

Students may possess or use personal electronic signaling devices, including but not limited to pagers, beepers and cellular/digital telephones.

Permitted devices shall:

1. Be turned off during class time and at any other time directed by a County Office of Education employee.
2. Not disrupt the educational program or school activity.
3. Not be visible during the school day.

If a disruption occurs, the employee shall direct the student to turn off the device and/or confiscate it. If a school employee finds it necessary to confiscate a device, he/she may either return it at the end of the class period or school day or keep it until the principal or designee has consulted with the student's parent/guardian.

A student who violates this policy may be prohibited from possessing a personal electronic signaling device at school or school-related events.

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, he/she shall refer the matter to his/her supervisor or administrator for further investigation.

Students who violate County Office of Education or school rules and regulations may be subject to discipline, including but not limited to suspension, expulsion or transfer to alternative programs in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. In addition, when the conduct involves intimidation, harassment, or other endangerment of a student or employee, the Superintendent or designee shall provide appropriate assistance as necessary for the victim and the offender or make appropriate referrals for such assistance.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32050 Hazing

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

CIVIL CODE

1714.1 Liability of parents and guardians for willful misconduct of minor

PENAL CODE

417.25-417.27 Laser scope

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

300-307 Duties of pupils

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000h-2000h-6 Title IX, 1972 Education Act Amendments