

**KGD CROWD CONTROL AT SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITIES**

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The board will, to the full extent of its legal powers, ensure that every student and adult has an opportunity to attend school activities without fear or harm of injury to person or property. The board will not allow persons with disruptive intent to endanger the safety of students, school personnel or other adults; to damage school property; to interfere with school activities or the educational process; or to attempt to close the schools.

Disorder and disruption of school activities will not be tolerated, and persons attempting such action shall be held accountable. When it becomes necessary to protect students, personnel, patrons and property, the board will seek the enforcement of all laws and prosecution of those who violate the law. Violation of any law and/or city ordinance will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency, prosecutor and courts for proper disposition.

Prosecution of those causing disorder, disruption or disturbances on school property will be conducted under existing city, county and state laws and ordinances.

The board recognizes the right of peaceful dissent providing that dissent does not infringe upon the rights of others. Further, exercising that right encourages open and constructive communication that may lead to improvement and betterment of school activities.

In accordance with administrative guidelines to be developed by the superintendent, principals of individual schools will be held responsible for providing for the safety and welfare of students and adults and the protection of school property from damages or injury by any person or groups of persons.

**Definition of Disturbances or Disorders**

For the purpose of this section, state laws covering disturbance of the peace, good order of an event or disorderly conduct shall be used as a basis for prosecution.

Disorderly conduct is defined in law as any conduct that will alarm, anger or disturb others or provoke an assault or other breach of the peace, such as, by engaging in brawling or fighting; disturbing an assembly, meeting, procession or school activity; using offensive, obscene

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or abusive language; or engaging in noisy conduct tending reasonably to arouse alarm, anger or resentment in others.

Any such action that injures or tends to physically harm any person in attendance at any of the above mentioned functions will fall within the meaning of disorderly conduct. Actions covered under disorderly conduct, by way of illustration, are: rioting or causing a riot; maintaining a public nuisance; giving a false alarm; criminal desecration; verbal or physical harassment of school officials or activity officials; inciting others to fight; throwing any harmful material at any person assembled or at activity officials; vandalizing school property or property owned by school or activity officials; and being under the influence of any controlled substance, drug or narcotic or any alcoholic beverages.

Any city ordinance, in effect at the time of any disturbance at a school activity, shall be used by the board to aid in the prosecution of any individual or groups of individuals responsible for such disturbance.

Upon conviction of any disturbance or disorderly conduct, the individual or groups of individuals will be barred by board action from attending any district-sponsored activity or event held on school property. The length of the ban shall be determined by the board and shall be based on the seriousness of the act or disturbance or disorderly conduct. The board authorizes its staff members to enforce the ban, if any, by any reasonable force including calling law enforcement officials to aid them in carrying out their assigned duty.

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### General Procedures

The following guidelines are for the use by principals in the event of disturbances, disorder or demonstrations on or near the school site and apply to both students and adults.

The final decision for determining the nature of assistance needed at a disturbance, disorder or demonstration is the responsibility of the school principal. In the absence of the principal, the determination is to be made by the assistant principal or the person designated to be in charge of the building or activity.

The school administration and staff are responsible for handling any student or problems caused by adults. The superintendent shall be notified immediately of any serious problem at the school. The principal shall seek the advice of the superintendent, as well as informing him/her of any decisions and progress toward resolving the problem.

In the event disturbances are caused by adults or nonstudents, the appropriate law enforcement officials will be called for assistance. The chief administrative police officer or his/her designee should be alerted ahead of time when problems are suspected. Such official will direct the activities of the police at the scene of any disturbance. The principal will serve as liaison when police are on the scene. It should be remembered that even though police have been called, they look to the school administration for direction on what the school wants done. It is understood that police powers and authority have priority when police have been called for assistance.

### Specific Procedures

In the event of a disturbance or disorder, the principal shall make an immediate assessment of the situation to determine the danger or potential danger to students, personnel, patrons or school property. If there is apparent danger to any of the above, steps shall be taken immediately to reduce or eliminate the danger by whatever means necessary as granted under the principal's authority to discipline or maintain crowd control.

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The principals shall decide upon a course of action and, to the extent possible, inform the school staff so that all can cooperate in carrying out that decision. It is desirable that and personnel involved in any such cooperation be equipped with walkie-talkies for instant communication.

The principal “on the scene” and in charge shall maintain a “log” in which are listed the date, time and nature of each incident, the names of persons involved and a description of action taken.

Whenever the situation requires the assistance of the police, the principal or his/her designee shall request such assistance. Police action will be determined by police officials and their assessment of the situation.

The board wishes to emphasize that any persons who create disturbances or disorders at any school activity will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. The principal “on the scene” and in charge will sign the necessary complaint papers or encourage available witnesses of the act to do so. In any event, a complaint will be signed. The board’s attorney will take whatever action is necessary to expedite proceedings to prosecute anyone causing a disturbance at a school function.

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