



BOARD POLICY

BP 5112.5

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Open Campus

As authorized by Education Code 44808.5, the Governing Board establishes a “closed campus” for district high schools including students in grades ninth through twelfth. By allowing eleventh and twelfth grade students to leave campus during the lunch period, the Board entrusts them with an opportunity to learn responsibility and demonstrate good citizenship. Students shall not leave the school grounds at any other time during the school day without written authorization of their parents/guardians and permission of school authorities. Students who leave school without such authorization shall be classified as truant and subject to disciplinary action.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

The district, board members, and district employees shall not be liable for the conduct and safety of students who leave school grounds during the lunch period (*Education Code 44808.5*).

The Board shall notify parents/guardians at the beginning of the school term of their decision to establish a modified closed campus for students in grades 11th and 12th only. The following notice shall be sent as provided by Education Code 44808.5:

“The Governing Board of the Stockton Unified School District, pursuant to Section 44808.5 of the Education Code, has decided to permit the pupils enrolled in all district high schools in grades 11th and 12th only to leave the school grounds during the lunch period if the following criteria are met: students have achieved grade level status (110 credits for Juniors; 165 credits for Seniors); have maintained good citizenship status (no suspensions during the current semester); have maintained positive attendance with no unexcused absences; have parent/guardian permission slips on file authorizing their youngster to leave campus during the lunch period.”

“Section 44808.5 of the Education Code further states:

‘Neither the School District nor any officer or employee thereof shall be liable for the conduct or safety of any pupil during such time as the pupil has left the school grounds pursuant to this section.’”

(cf. 5142 - Safety)



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In order to keep our students in a supervised, safe, and orderly environment, the Governing Board establishes a “closed campus” for all 9th and 10th grade students at all district high schools. Once freshman and sophomore students arrive at school, they must remain on campus until the end of the school day unless they have brought written authorization from their parents/guardians received permission from school authorities to leave for a specific purpose. Eleventh and twelfth graders can leave campus who meet the following conditions:

1. have achieved grade level status
 - 110 credits for Juniors
 - 165 credits for Seniors;
2. have maintained good citizenship status (no suspensions during the current semester);
3. have maintained positive attendance with no unexcused absences;
4. have parent/guardian permission slips on file authorizing their youngster to leave campus during the lunch period.

(cf. 5113- Absences and Excuses)

The Board finds that school facilities and resources are adequate to serve the lunchtime needs of these students. The Board further perceives that a closed campus benefits ninth through twelfth grade students by encouraging them to participate in school activities, rather than following other pursuits which may not be in their best interests. The requirement to keep students on campus is part of the Board’s efforts to maintain a safe school climate and to reduce afternoon absenteeism and tardies.

The administration shall provide education, recreational, organizational, and social opportunities for students during the lunch period. Students who have finished eating shall always have a place to read or study.

(cf. 6145 - re. Equal access)

System of Identification for all 9th Through 12th Grade Students

The purpose of the identification card is to enhance the supervision, safety and security of the student. An identification card shall be distributed to each student free of charge indicating grade placement. Each district high school principal or designee shall be responsible for ensuring that an ID card is **displayed** by each student. The ID card can be used for library



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privileges, community/vendor discounts, special events, and school activities. In addition, the ID card with Food Service bar coding will qualify the student for lunch credit. Each student is responsible for the replacement of a lost, stolen, or misplaced ID card.

1. As new students enroll, they are issued a student ID, lanyard and books prior to attending any class.
2. If a student **loses the ID** they pay a clerk in the main office and are issued a receipt. A clerk will issue a temporary ID sticker and have their actual ID ready for pick up the next morning.
3. If a student **forgets the ID**, they will:
 - a. Call home and wait for a parent to bring the ID;
 - b. Go to the main office and purchase a new ID and then go to the designated room to retrieve the new ID; or
 - c. Be assigned detention, in-school suspension, or Saturday school. After three disciplines for lack of ID, a required parent, student, administrator conference may result in disciplinary procedures as outlined in the Student Conduct Code under defiance.

Student handbooks shall fully explain all rules and disciplinary procedures involved in the maintenance of a closed campus. The privilege of open campus may be revoked from individual students for disciplinary reasons or because of failure to maintain academic eligibility for extracurricular activities.

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

44808.5 Permission for pupils to leave school grounds; notice

Management Resources:

CDE LEGAL ADVISORIES

0328.9 Duties and Liabilities of School Counselors



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