

**OPEN/CLOSED CAMPUS****Closed Campus**

In order to keep our students in a supervised, safe, and orderly environment, the Governing Board establishes a "closed campus" at all district high schools. Once 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 and received permission from school authorities to leave for a specific purpose. Students who leave campus without such authorization shall be classified as truant and subject to disciplinary action.

*(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)*

The Board finds that school facilities and resources are adequate to serve the lunchtime needs of all of our students. The Board further perceives that a closed campus benefits 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.

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

*(cf. 6145 - re Equal Access)*

The Superintendent or designee shall design a system of identification and passes appropriate for use at each school. Each high school principal shall be expected to enforce mechanisms whereby all students may be accounted for at all times during the school day. Parents/guardians shall be informed whenever students are unaccounted for.

*(cf. 5112.6 - Parental Notification, Absences)*

Student handbooks shall fully explain all rules and disciplinary procedures involved in the maintenance of the closed campus.

Eleventh and 12th grade students may be permitted to leave school grounds during their lunch hour with the approval of the principal. Neither the district nor any officer or employee of the district shall be liable for the conduct or safety of any student during such time as the student has left the school grounds during their lunch hour. A copy of this policy shall be sent to the parent/guardian of each student at the beginning of the first semester of the regular school term each year.

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**OPEN/CLOSED CAMPUS** (continued)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*35160 Authority of the Board*

*35160.1 Broad authority of school district*

*44808.5 Permission for pupils to leave school grounds; notice*

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At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians about the open/closed campus policy as required by law. (Education Code 44808.5)

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

The district, Governing 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 principal of each high school shall be responsible for the annual preparation, implementation and evaluation of the school's open campus for 11th and 12th grade students.

The principal may revoke the open campus privilege to any or all students at any time.

The Superintendent shall notify the Board of any campus closure.