

Students

CONCEPTS AND ROLES

The focus of the West Sonoma County Union High School District shall be on the well being and success of its students. It is incumbent upon the Governing Board and District staff to provide for physical and intellectual welfare of the students in their charge. The District shall work closely with parent/guardians and the community in order to achieve a harmony of interests in providing for students' needs.

Students are expected to accept personal responsibility for making maximum use of those educational opportunities afforded. It is also expected that as a result of the total school experience, students will come to appreciate the values of self-discipline, responsibility, respect for others, their country and its governmental processes.

The Board will attempt to erase any limitations of facilities and means that stand in the way of all who wish to learn in this school system.

The Board is fully committed to providing equal educational opportunities and keeping schools free from discriminatory practices. The Board and all District teachers and staff shall not tolerate the intimidation or harassment of any student for any reason.

Role of the Governing Board

The Board:

1. Establish policies to provide the best attainable program of education for the district's students.
2. Authorizes the establishment of special classes, programs, or other facilities for students who are in need of special education in keeping with all legal provisions.
3. Provides for the physical and mental well being of all students.
4. Determines policies regarding student behavior and attendance within limits of the law.

Role of the Superintendent

The Superintendent:

1. Administers all schools and classes established by the Board.
2. Directs the instruction, guidance, and discipline of all students.
3. Provides leadership and guidance to establish the pattern of education to be offered to students.
4. Determines the boundaries of school attendance within the district.
5. Makes assignments of students to different buildings or grades as may improve their education, reduce the expense of maintaining schools, or relieve overcrowded conditions.

6. Has general charge of the enforcement of compulsory attendance law and the issuance of work permits.
7. Has immediate authority for closing of schools in case of emergencies involving health and safety for students, their families, and/or school staff.

Working Relationship of Board and Superintendent

Student welfare and guidance is the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee with the exception of the expulsion of students, which the Board may not delegate.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

35291-35291.5 Rules

200-261 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex

Title IX *of the Education Amendments of 1972*

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