

**EL DORADO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD POLICY**

Students

**POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE
BP 5137**

The Governing Board desires to provide orderly, caring, and nondiscriminatory learning environments in which all students feel comfortable, share the responsibility for maintaining a positive school climate, and take pride in their school and their achievements.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

The district shall encourage attitudes and behaviors that promote mutual respect and harmonious relations. The schools shall promote nonviolent conflict resolution techniques and provide students opportunities to voice their concerns about school policies and practices. The Superintendent or designee may initiate student courts, campus beautification projects, buddy systems, vandalism prevention campaigns, and other programs in which students may identify and solve problems that affect their school.

School staff shall encourage and reward success and achievement, participation in community projects, and positive student conduct.

(cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)
(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)
(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

The schools shall not tolerate any insults, slurs or gestures which are vulgar or obscene or which denigrate others on account of sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, handicap or disadvantage. Students and employees shall be subject to disciplinary procedures for such conduct.

The curriculum and counseling programs shall foster positive racial and ethnic identity, help students understand diverse cultures, teach them to think critically about racial bias, and show them how to deal with discriminatory behavior in appropriate ways. The Board encourages the use of cooperative learning strategies in the classroom in order to foster positive social interactions among students.

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
(cf. 6141.6 - Multicultural Education)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE (continued)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

233.5 Duty concerning instruction of students

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts