

## Black Oak Mine Unified School District: School Safety Protocols



Ensuring the safety of our students and staff is always a high priority. Annually, we carefully update our School Site Safety Plans, incorporating key components like emergency response procedures, disaster preparedness, lockdown protocols, communication strategies, and mental health resources. These updates, made in consultation with the Office of Emergency Services, reflect the latest advancements in safety and security. Recently approved by our Board of Trustees and reviewed by the Office of Emergency Services in February and March of 2024, these comprehensive plans underline our commitment to maintaining secure learning environments for your children.

School sites practice emergency procedures and responses to a variety of emergencies throughout the school year. We are fortunate to be in close proximity to local emergency services. Regular inspections of our grounds and buildings for safety are conducted by the maintenance department of BOMUSD. Custodial services are provided by the District.

The district has adopted Multi Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) procedures to address most incidents that would require suspension. These protocols are established to provide reformative opportunities for students in lieu of being at home and not at school.

The District follows the state Education Code related to the following:

### GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION & EXPULSION:

The teacher may suspend a student from the classroom or the principal may suspend a student from school if the student commits any of the acts listed below. The school's authority to suspend extends to the following circumstances:

1. While on school grounds
2. While going to or coming from school
3. During the lunch period, whether on or off the school campus
4. During, going to, or coming from a school-sponsored activity

Students may be suspended or recommended for expulsion when the superintendent, principal or principal's designee of the school in which the student is enrolled determines that the student has done any of the acts listed below:

Ed Code, Section 48900:

- (a) Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person.
- (b) Possessed, sold or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object unless, in the case of possession of any such object, the pupil had obtained written permission from a certificated school employee, with the concurrence of the principal or principal's designee.
- (c) Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of any controlled substance, as defined in Section 11063 of the Health and Safety Code, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind.
- (d) Unlawfully offered, arranged or negotiated to sell any controlled substance as defined in Section 11053 of the Health and Safety Code, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind, and then sold, delivered, or otherwise furnished to any person another liquid, substance, or material and represented the liquid, substance or material as a controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant.
- (e) Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.
- (f) Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property.
- (g) Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property.
- (h) Possessed or used tobacco, or any products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets, and betel. Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.
- (i) Unlawfully possessed, offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia, as defined in Section 11014.5 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (j) Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties.
- (k) Knowingly received stolen school property or private property.
- (l) Possession of imitation firearms.

Ed Code Section 48900.2:

Committed sexual harassment as defined in Education Code 212.5, provided that the conduct is considered by a reasonable person of the same gender as the victim to be sufficiently severe or pervasive to have a negative impact upon the victim's academic performance or to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive education environment. Committed hate violence in grades 4-12. Committed harassment, threats, or intimidation in grades 4-12.

Ed Code Section 48900.3 Ed Code Section 48900.4:

TOBACCO USE

## Section 48901

No school shall permit the smoking or use of a tobacco product by pupils of the school while the pupils are on campus, or while attending school sponsored activities or while under the supervision and control of school district employees.

The consequences for violations of the Education Code, Board policies, school or classroom rules, and Federal or state laws are provided to show the range and scope of intervention.

Conference regarding violation and a warning

Suspension

Parent contact

Involuntary transfer

Behavior contract

Expulsion

For parents looking for resources and information on school safety, there are several comprehensive guides and toolkits available that cover a wide range of topics from bullying and cyberbullying to emergency planning, mental health, and internet safety.

SchoolSafety.gov offers a vast array of resources for creating and maintaining safe learning environments. This includes guidance on emergency planning, cybersecurity, mental health, and bullying among others. Their website provides a grants finder tool for funding opportunities to help keep school communities safe ([SchoolSafety.gov](https://www.schoolsafety.gov)) ([SchoolSafety.gov](https://www.schoolsafety.gov)).

The National PTA provides family resources focused on internet safety, healthy lifestyles, and wellness policies. Their initiatives such as "Be Internet Awesome" and "The Smart Talk" aim at educating families on navigating digital challenges ([PTA Online](https://www.pta.org)).

A Parent's Guide to School Safety Toolkit, offered by the Texas School Safety Center, details key school safety topics, including emergency operations plans, standard response protocols, and sections on behavioral health and school safety. This toolkit is designed to be easily navigable for specific topics of interest ([Texas School Safety Center](https://www.tssc.state.tx.us)).