MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS
Board Policy

INSTRUCTION

Classroom Interruptions

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of providing students with sustained, uninterrupted instruction. Allowing interruptions during class time may imply to students that what is occurring in the classroom lacks value. Therefore, interruptions and distractions must be kept to a minimum to ensure that teachers can dedicate classroom time to the instruction of students.

The Superintendent shall require the school principals to restrict the use of intercoms and to reasonably limit office summons and the use of student messengers.

Messages should be briefly and clearly stated in order to reduce the amount of time devoted to non-instructional activities. Announcements that are only pertinent to teachers should be put in writing. Teachers should be notified in advance of all programming that takes students away from regular classroom instruction. To avoid unplanned entrances to classrooms, outside visitors must make appointments. Whenever possible, school maintenance and housekeeping activities should be scheduled to minimize classroom disruptions.

Legal References:
EDUCATION CODE
32211 Threatened disruption or interference with classes
32212 Classroom interruptions
44810-44811 Disruptions; misdemeanor
51512 Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording device

Management Resources:
CSBA PUBLICATIONS
Instructional Time Task Force Report, 2007

Cross References (cf.):
1240 – Volunteer Assistance (N/A)
1250 – Visitors/Outsiders
1321 – Solicitation of Funds from and by Students (N/A)
1321 – Advertising in School Media
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Cross References (cf.) (cont.):
3515.2 – Disruptions (N/A)
3515.2 – Criminal Records Check Contract Employees
4040 – Employee Use of Technology
4131/4231/4331 – Staff Development
5131 – Conduct
5131.4 – Student Disturbances (N/A)
5137 – Positive School Climate

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