

# LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## CIVILITY POLICY

### **BP 1009**

#### Community Relations

The Laguna Beach Unified School District endeavors to promote mutual respect, civility, and orderly conduct within our school system and seeks public cooperation with this endeavor. The District believes a safe and civil environment is essential to ensure high expectations and high student achievement and seeks to establish a work and learning environment that is safe, secure, and peaceful, pursuant to the California Constitution.

Laguna Beach Unified School District staff and students will treat parents and other members of the public with respect and shall be accorded the same treatment. The District is committed to maintaining orderly educational and administrative processes that keep schools and offices free from disruptions and prevent unauthorized persons from entering school or District grounds.

Uncivil conduct, like other forms of disruptive behavior, interferes with the ability of school and District employees to provide a high quality education for our students. It is paramount that District employees be able to serve all students equitably, without undue time demands that detract from their focus on student learning.

This policy is intended to ensure, to the extent possible and reasonable, a safe and harassment-free environment for our students and staff while maintaining individual rights to freedom of expression. The District hopes to present all employees, parents, and community members as positive role models to the students of the District, as well as the general community. Therefore, the Laguna Beach Unified School District encourages positive, respectful, and considerate communication and actions, and District discourages hostile, harassing, or excessive communication and actions. This applies to personal and electronic interactions, social media, and telephone calls.

#### Legal Reference:

##### EDUCATION CODE

32210 Disturbing School

44014 Assault on Personnel

44810 Person on School Grounds

44811 Insults and Abuses

627.7 Refusal to Leave School Grounds

##### PENAL CODE

243.5 Arrest on School Grounds

415.5 Fighting on School Grounds

626.8 Entry of School by Person not on Lawful Business

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