

Student Affairs

Overview

Students need a safe and dynamic educational environment in which to learn and thrive. Ensuring this can lead to significant challenges for school personnel who must understand and navigate through the legal rights and responsibilities of students and staff, ongoing parent-teacher-student expectations and relationships, academic and behavioral challenges, and financial considerations and limitations.

Best Best & Krieger LLP Education Law attorneys have decades of experience providing effective counsel and representation to K-12 school and school districts, public and private colleges and universities, county offices of education, charter schools, special education local plan areas and education foundations.

We advise on all student affairs matters, including:

- Student rights – free speech, religious exercise and expression
- Nondiscrimination, gender equity and Title IX compliance
- Search and seizure, drug and alcohol testing
- Sexual harassment, bullying and cyberbullying
- Inter-district transfers, open enrollment and related appeals
- School closures and boundary adjustments
- Pupil records and privacy issues
- Attendance, residency and enrollment issues
- Complaint procedures, investigations, responses and training
- Custody issues and parent rights and responsibilities
- Student discipline, including suspension and expulsion procedures, hearings and appeals
- Uniform Complaint Procedure investigations and reports
- Office for Civil Rights complaint investigation response and resolution
- California Department of Education complaint investigations
- Student athletics
- School safety and campus security
- Free school guarantee – restriction on student fees
- Dress code issues, policies and procedures
- Foster and homeless youth rights
- [Special Education](#) support and services
- [Section 504 disability accommodations](#)

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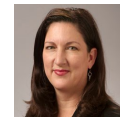
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Further, we help clients create and revise student handbooks, school policies, practices and procedures; offer training to assure staff compliance; and assert and defend our clients' interests in federal and state courts, before regulatory bodies and before government agencies.

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News & Events

EVENT | FEB 15, 2018

What are Student Records and What are Public Records

ACSA Every Child Counts Symposium

EVENT | JAN 30, 2018

Discipline and Expulsion Best Practices

NBI Workshop - IEPs and 504 Plans

EVENT | DEC 01, 2017

Bullying: The Legal View and Cost

CSBA Annual Education Conference and Trade Show

AUTHORED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS | SEP 28, 2017

Suicide Prevention in Schools

New Law Requires Schools to Adopt Suicide Prevention Policies, BB&K Attorney Dorothy McLaughlin Writes in Riverside Lawyer Magazine

EVENT | JUL 20, 2017

The Difficult Issue of School Bullying from a Legal Perspective

8th Annual Safe Schools Conference

LEGAL ALERTS | JUN 02, 2017

School District Can't Stop Transgender Student from Using Restroom of Choice

Federal Appeals Court Upholds Temporary Injunction Against District

LEGAL ALERTS | JUL 01, 2015

California Governor Eliminates Personal Belief Exemption for School Vaccinations

SB 277 Requires All Students to be Vaccinated, Absent a Medical Exemption
