

MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS

Board Policy

BP 6116

INSTRUCTION

Classroom Interruptions

The Governing Board recognized 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 controlled and avoided 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.

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