

COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY PLAN

The Board of Trustees recognizes that students and staff have the right to a safe and secure campus where they are free from physical and psychological harm. The Board is fully committed to maximizing school safety and to creating a positive learning environment that includes strategies for violence prevention and high expectations for student conduct, responsible behavior, and respect for others.

The Superintendent or designee shall oversee the development of a districtwide comprehensive safety plan that is applicable to each school site.

The comprehensive safety plan(s) shall be reviewed and updated by March 1 of each year.

By October 15 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the California Department of Education of any schools that have not complied with the requirements of Education Code 32281. (Education Code 32288)

Tactical Response Plan

Notwithstanding the process described above, any portion of a comprehensive safety plan that includes tactical responses to criminal incidents that may result in death or serious bodily injury at the school site, including steps to be taken to safeguard students and staff, secure the affected school premises, and apprehend the criminal perpetrator(s), shall be developed by district administrators in accordance with Education Code 32281. In developing such strategies, district administrators shall consult with law enforcement officials and with a representative of an employee bargaining unit, if he/she chooses to participate.

When reviewing the tactical response plan, the Board may meet in closed session to confer with law enforcement officials, provided that any vote to approve the tactical response plan is announced in open session following the closed session. (Education Code 32281)

Public Access to Safety Plan(s)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that an updated file of all safety-related plans and materials is readily available for inspection by the public. (Education Code 32282) However, those portions of the comprehensive safety plan that include tactical responses to criminal incidents shall not be publicly disclosed.

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Development and Review of Comprehensive School Safety Plan

The school site council shall consult with local law enforcement in writing and developing the comprehensive school safety plan. When practical, the school site council also shall consult with other school site councils and safety committees. (Education Code 32281, 32282)

The school site council may delegate the responsibility for developing a comprehensive safety plan to a school safety planning committee. This committee shall be composed of the following members: (Education Code 32281)

1. The principal or designee
2. One teacher who is a representative of the recognized certificated employee organization
3. One parent/guardian whose child attends the school
4. One classified employee who is a representative of the recognized classified employee organization
5. Other members, if desired

Before adopting its comprehensive safety plan, the school site council or school safety planning committee shall hold a public meeting at the school in order to allow members of the public the opportunity to express an opinion about the plan. (Education Code 32288)

The school site council or safety planning committee shall notify, in writing, the following persons and entities of the public meeting: (Education Code 32288)

1. The local mayor(s)
2. A representative of the local school employee organization
3. A representative of each parent organization at the school, including the parent teacher association and parent teacher clubs
4. A representative of each teacher organization at the school
5. A representative of the school's student body government
6. All persons who have indicated that they want to be notified

In addition, the school site council or safety planning committee may notify, in writing, the following entities of the public meeting: (Education Code 32288)

1. Representatives of local religious organizations
2. Local civic leaders
3. Local business organizations

Content of the Safety Plan

Each comprehensive safety plan shall include an assessment of the current status of school crime committed on campus and at school-related functions. (Education Code 32282)

The assessment may include, but not be limited to, data on reports of school crime, suspension and expulsion rates, and surveys of students, parents/guardians, and staff regarding their perceptions of school safety.

The plan also shall identify appropriate strategies and programs that will provide or maintain a high level of school safety and address the school's procedures for complying with existing laws related to school safety, including all of the following: (Education Code 32282)

1. Child abuse reporting procedures consistent with Penal Code 11164
2. Routine and emergency disaster procedures including, but not limited to:
 - a. Adaptations for students with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
 - b. An earthquake emergency procedure system in accordance with Education Code 32282
 - c. A procedure to allow public agencies, including the American Red Cross, to use school buildings, grounds, and equipment for mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare
3. Policies pursuant to Education Code 48915(d) for students who commit an act listed in Education Code 48915(c) and other school-designated serious acts which would lead to suspension, expulsion, or mandatory expulsion recommendations
4. Procedures to notify teachers of dangerous students pursuant to Education Code 49079
5. A policy consistent with the prohibition against discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying pursuant to Education Code 200-262.4
6. If the school has adopted a dress code prohibiting students from wearing "gang-related apparel" pursuant to Education Code 35183, the provisions of that dress code and the definition of "gang-related apparel"
7. Procedures for safe ingress and egress of students, parents/guardians, and employees to and from school
8. A safe and orderly school environment conducive to learning
9. The rules and procedures on school discipline adopted pursuant to Education Code 35291 and 35291.5
10. Hate crime reporting procedures

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Among the strategies for providing a safe environment, the school safety plan may also include:

1. Development of a positive school climate that promotes respect for diversity, personal and social responsibility, effective interpersonal and communication skills, self-esteem, anger management, and conflict resolution
2. Disciplinary policies and procedures that contain prevention strategies, such as strategies to prevent bullying, hazing, and cyberbullying, as well as behavioral expectations and consequences for violations
3. Curriculum that emphasizes prevention and alternatives to violence, such as multicultural education, character/values education, media analysis skills, conflict resolution, community service learning, and education related to the prevention of dating violence
4. Parent involvement strategies, including strategies to help ensure parent/guardian support and reinforcement of the school's rules and to increase the number of adults on campus
5. Prevention and intervention strategies related to the sale or use of drugs and alcohol which shall reflect expectations for drug-free schools and support for recovering students
6. Collaborative relationships among the city, county, community agencies, local law enforcement, the judicial system, and the schools that lead to the development of a set of common goals and community strategies for violence prevention instruction
7. Procedures for responding to the release of a pesticide or other toxic substance from properties located within one-quarter mile of the school
8. Procedures for receiving verification from law enforcement that a violent crime has occurred on school grounds and for promptly notifying parents/guardians and employees of that crime
9. Assessment of the school's physical environment, including a risk management analysis and development of ground security measures such as procedures for closing the campuses to outsiders, installing surveillance systems, securing the campus perimeter, protecting buildings against vandalism, and providing for a law enforcement presence on campus
10. Crisis prevention and intervention strategies, which may include the following:
 - a. Identification of possible crises that may occur, determination of necessary tasks that need to be addressed, and development of procedures relative to each crisis, including the involvement of law enforcement and other public safety agencies as appropriate
 - b. Threat assessment strategies to determine the credibility and seriousness of a threat and provide appropriate interventions for the potential offender(s)
 - c. Assignment of staff members responsible for each identified task and procedure

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- d. Development of an evacuation plan based on an assessment of buildings and grounds and opportunities for students and staff to practice the evacuation plan
 - e. Coordination of communication to schools, Governing Board members, parents/guardians, and the media
 - f. Development of a method for the reporting of violent incidents
 - g. Development of follow-up procedures, such as implementing counseling services, that may be required after a crisis has occurred
11. Staff development in violence prevention and intervention techniques, including preparation to implement the elements of the safety plan

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