

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY PLAN

The Governing Board 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.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)
(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)
(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)
(cf. 3515.7 - Firearms on School Grounds)
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)
(cf. 5131.41 - Use of Seclusion and Restraint)
(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

The school site council at each district school shall develop a comprehensive school safety plan relevant to the needs and resources of that particular school. New school campuses shall develop a safety plan within one year of initiating operations. (Education Code 32281, 32286)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

The school safety plan shall take into account the school's staffing, available resources and building design, as well as other factors unique to the site.

The comprehensive safety plan(s) shall be reviewed and updated by March 1 of each year and forwarded to the Board for approval. (Education Code 32286, 32288).

The Board shall review the comprehensive safety plan(s) in order to ensure compliance with state law, Board policy and administrative regulation and shall approve the plan(s) at a regularly scheduled meeting.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

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(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

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 addresses 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 and approved in accordance with Education Code 32281. In developing such strategies, district administrators shall consult with law enforcement officials and with representative(s) of employee bargaining unit(s), if they choose to participate.

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)

(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)

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)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

However, those portions of the comprehensive safety plan that include tactical responses to criminal incidents shall not be publicly disclosed.

The Superintendent or designee shall share the comprehensive safety plans and any updates to the plans with local law enforcement, the local fire department, and other first responder entities. (Education Code 32281)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of sex discrimination

32260-32262 Interagency School Safety Demonstration Act of 1985

32270 School safety cadre

32280-32289 School safety plans

32290 Safety devices

35147 School site councils and advisory committees

35183 School dress code; uniforms

35291 Rules

35291.5 School-adopted discipline rules

41020 Annual audits

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48900-48927 Suspension and expulsion
48950 Speech and other communication
49079 Notification to teacher; student who has committed acts constituting grounds for suspension or expulsion
67381 Violent crimes
GOVERNMENT CODE
54957 Closed session meetings for threats to security
PENAL CODE
422.55 Definition of hate crime
626.8 Disruptions
11164-11174.3 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act
CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION
Article 1, Section 28(c) Right to Safe Schools
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
11992-11993 Definition, persistently dangerous schools
11987-11987.7 School Community Violence Prevention Program requirements
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
7111-7122 Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants
7912 Transfers from persistently dangerous schools
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act
Management Resources:
CSBA PUBLICATIONS
Updated Legal Guidance: Protecting Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Against Sex Discrimination, July 2016
Safe Schools: Strategies for Governing Boards to Ensure Student Success, October 2011
Community Schools: Partnerships Supporting Students, Families and Communities, Policy Brief, October 2010
Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards, Policy Brief, July 2010
Providing a Safe, Nondiscriminatory School Environment for Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students, Policy Brief, February 2014
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
Safe Schools: A Planning Guide for Action, 2002
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION PUBLICATIONS
Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook, 2004
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
Practical Information on Crisis Planning: A Guide for Schools and Communities, January 2007
U.S. SECRET SERVICE AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
Threat Assessment in Schools: A Guide to Managing Threatening Situations and to Creating Safe School Climates, 2004
WEB SITES
CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
California Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/lr/ss>
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services: <http://www.caloes.ca.gov>
California Healthy Kids Survey: <http://chks.wested.org>
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention>
Federal Bureau of Investigation: <http://www.fbi.gov>
National Center for Crisis Management: <http://www.schoolcrisisresponse.com>

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National School Safety Center: <http://www.schoolsafety.us>

U.S. Department of Education, <http://www.ed.gov>

U.S. Secret Service, National Threat Assessment Center: <http://www.secretservice.gov/protection/ntac>

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Development and Review of School Site Safety Plan

The school site council shall consult with local law enforcement in the writing and development of 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)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

In addition, the school site council may consult with other state and local agencies as appropriate, including health care and emergency service providers.

The school site council may delegate the responsibility for developing a comprehensive school safety plan to a school safety planning committee 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

(cf. 1220 – Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 1400 – Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the School)

Before adopting its comprehensive school 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 school safety 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
2. A representative of each local school employee organization
3. A representative of each parent organization at the school site, including the parent teacher association and parent teacher clubs

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(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

4. A representative of each teacher organization at the school

(cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units)

5. A representative of the school's student body government
6. All persons who have indicated in writing 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

(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

Content of the Safety Plan

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

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

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)

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. The plan shall include the development of all of the following: (Education Code 32282)

1. Child abuse reporting procedures consistent with Penal Code 11164

(cf. 5141.4 – Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

Routine and emergency disaster procedures including, but not limited to:

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- a. Adaptations for students with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act

(cf. 6159 – Individualized Education Program)

- b. Flood evacuation procedures
- c. An earthquake emergency procedure system in accordance with Education Code 32282

(cf. 3516 – Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
(cf. 3516.3 – Earthquake Emergency Procedure System)

- d. 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

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)
(cf. 3516.1 - Fire Drills and Fires)
(cf. 3516.2 - Bomb Threats)
(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)
(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)

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

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

4. Procedures to notify teachers of dangerous students pursuant to Education Code 49079

(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)

5. A policy consistent with the prohibition against discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying pursuant to Education Code 200-262.4

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
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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

(cf. 5132 – Dress and Grooming)

7. Procedures for safe ingress and egress of students, parents/guardians and employees to and from school

(cf. 5142 – Safety)

8. A safe and orderly school environment conducive to learning

(cf. 5137 – Positive School Climate)

9. The rules and procedures on school discipline adopted pursuant to Education Code 35291 and 35291.5

(cf. 5144 – Discipline)

10. Procedures for conducting tactical responses to criminal incidents, including procedures related to individuals with guns on campus and at school-related functions.

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

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)

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

(cf. 5113 –Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 5113.1 – Chronic Absence and Truancy)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

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.

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(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)

(cf. 6142.4 – Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

(cf. 6142.8 – Comprehensive Health Education)

4. Parent involvement strategies, including strategies to help ensure parent/guardian support and reinforcement of the school's rules and increase the number of adults on campus

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

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

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)

(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)

(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

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. District Policy related to possession of firearms and ammunition on school grounds

(cf. 3515.7 – Firearms on School Grounds)

8. Measures to prevent or minimize the influence of gangs on campus

(cf. 5136 – Gangs)

9. Procedures for receiving verification from law enforcement when a violent crime has occurred on school grounds and for promptly notifying parents/guardians and employees of that crime

(cf. 5116.1 – Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

10. Assessment of the schools physical environment, including a risk management analysis and development of ground security measures such as procedures for closing campuses to outsiders, installing surveillance systems, securing the campus perimeter, protecting buildings against vandalism, and providing for a law enforcement presence on campus

(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)

(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)

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(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)
(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 5112.5 - Open/Closed Campus)
(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)

11. Guidelines for the roles and responsibilities of mental health professionals, community intervention professionals, school counselors, school resource officers, and police officers on school campuses. Guidelines may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Strategies to create and maintain a positive school climate, promote school safety, and increase student achievement
- b. Strategies to prioritize mental health and intervention services, restorative and transformative justice programs, and positive behavior interventions and support
- c. Protocols to address the mental health care of students who have witnessed a violent act at any time, including, but not limited to, while on school grounds, while coming or going from school, during a lunch period whether on or off campus, or during or while going to or coming from a school-sponsored activity

12. Strategies for suicide prevention and intervention

(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)

13. Procedures to implement when a person interferes with or disrupts a school activity, remains on campus after having been asked to leave, or creates a disruption with the intent to threaten the immediate physical safety of students or staff

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

14. 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

(cf. 3515.5 - Sex Offender Notification)
(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)
(cf. 5131.41 - Use of Seclusion and Restraint)

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- 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
- d. Development of an evacuation plan based on an assessment of buildings and grounds and opportunities for student and staff to practice the evacuation plan
- e. Coordination of communication to schools, Governing Board members, parents/guardian, and the media

(cf. 1112 –Media Relations)
(cf. 9010 – Public Statements)

- f. Development of a method for the reporting of violent incidents
- g. Development of follow-up procedures that may be required after a crisis has occurred, such as counseling

15. Staff development in violence prevention and intervention techniques, including preparation to implement the elements of the safety plan

(cf. 4131 – Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 – Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 – Staff Development)

16. Environmental safety strategies, including, but not limited to, procedures for preventing and mitigating exposure to toxic pesticides, lead, asbestos, vehicle emissions, and other hazardous substances and contaminants

(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)
(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)
(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)
(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)

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