

Comprehensive Safety Plan

Development and Review of School Site Safety Plan

The school site council shall write and develop a comprehensive safety plan relevant to the needs and resources of that particular school. The site council shall consult with local law enforcement in the writing and development of the plan, as well as other school site councils and safety committees, when practical. (Education Code 32281, 32282)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

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

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

The school site council may delegate the responsibility for writing and developing a school 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 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 the local school employee organization
3. A representative of each parent organization at the school site, including the parent teacher association and parent teacher clubs

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

4. A representative of each teacher organization at the school site

(cf. 4140/4240 - Bargaining Units)

5. A representative of the 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. A representative of the local churches

2. Local civic leaders

3. Local business organizations

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

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

The school site council or safety planning committee may consider incorporating into the plan the following three essential components and/or the strategies recommended in Education Code 35294.21:

1. Assuring each student a safe physical environment

2. Assuring each student a safe, respectful, accepting, and emotionally nurturing environment

3. Developing each students resiliency skills

Content of the Safety Plan

The districtwide and/or school site safety plan shall include an assessment of the current status of school crime committed on campus(es) and at school-related functions. (Education Code 32282)

The plan also shall identify appropriate strategies and programs that will provide or maintain a high level of school safety and address the schools procedures for complying with existing laws related to school safety and 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)

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

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

b. 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)

c. A procedure to allow a public agency, 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(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 discrimination and harassment policy consistent with the prohibition against discrimination pursuant to Education Code 200-262.4

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

6. If the school has adopted a dress code prohibiting students from wearing gang-related apparel, 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. 5131 - Conduct)

(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. Hate crime reporting procedures pursuant to Penal Code 628-628.6

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

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 and hazing, as well as behavioral expectations and consequences for violations

(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 5113.1 - Truancy)

(cf. 5136 - Gangs)

3. Curriculum that emphasizes prevention and alternatives to violence, such as multicultural education, character/values education, media analysis skills, conflict resolution, and community service learning

(cf. 6141.6 - Multicultural Education)

(cf. 6142.4 - Learning through Community Service)

4. Parent involvement strategies, including strategies to help ensure parent/guardian support and reinforcement of the schools 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 - Anabolic 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

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

7. Procedures for responding to the release of a pesticide or other toxic substance from properties located within one-quarter mile of the school

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)

(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)

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 schools physical environment, including a risk management analysis and development of ground security measures such as procedures for the closing of campuses to outsiders, 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)

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

(cf. 5112.5 - Open/Closed Campus)

(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti)

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

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

(cf. 3515.5 - Sex Offender Notification)

(cf. 5131.4 - Campus Disturbances)

b. Assignment of staff members responsible for each identified task and procedure

c. Development of an evacuation plan based on an assessment of buildings and grounds and opportunities for students and staff to practice the evacuation plan

d. Coordination of communication to schools, Board members, parents/guardians, and the media

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

(cf. 9010 - Public Statements)

e. Development of a method for the reporting of violent incidents

f. Development of follow-up procedures that may be required after a crisis has occurred, such as counseling

11. Staff training 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)

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