

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 teaches strategies for violence prevention and emphasizes high expectations for student conduct, responsible behavior, and respect for others.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

The school site council at each district school shall write and develop a comprehensive school safety plan relevant to the needs and resources of that particular school. (Education Code 32281)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

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

Each school shall review and update its safety plan by March 1 of each year. New school campuses shall develop a safety plan within one year of initiating operations. (Education Code 32286)

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)

Each school shall forward the safety plan to the Board for approval. (Education Code 32288)

The Board shall approve the plan at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board and the adoption of the plan shall not be a consent item. At a minimum, the Board shall discuss both of the following: (Education Code 35294.22)

1. How the safety plan addresses the needs of each school and students within that school
2. How the school site council or safety planning committee, when writing the plan, considered the three essential components described in Education Code 35294.21, including assuring each student a safe physical environment; assuring each student a safe, respectful, accepting, and emotionally nurturing environment; and developing each students resiliency skills

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

The Board shall review the comprehensive districtwide and/or school safety plan(s) in order to ensure compliance with state law, Board policy and administrative regulation.

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)

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)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

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

35294.10-35294.15 School Safety and Violence Prevention Act

35294.20-35294.25 Double Your Cash program

41510-41514 School safety and consolidated grant

48900-48927 Suspension and expulsion

48950 Speech and other communication

67381 Violent crime

PENAL CODE

11164-11174.3 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article 1, Section 28(c) Right to Safe Schools

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7101-7165 Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities, especially:

7114 Application for local educational agencies

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

911! A Manual for Schools and the Media During a Campus Crisis, 2001

Protecting Our Schools: Governing Board Strategies to Combat School Violence, 1999

CDE PUBLICATIONS

Safe Schools: A Planning Guide for Action, 2002

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Practical Information on Crisis Planning: A Guide for Schools and Communities, May 2003

Early Warning, Timely Response: A Guide to Safe Schools, August 1998

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

American Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org>

California Department of Education, Safe Schools Office: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/lr/ss>

California Office of Emergency Services: <http://www.oes.ca.gov>

California Seismic Safety Commission: <http://www.seismic.ca.gov>

Federal Bureau of Investigation: <http://www.fbi.gov>

National Alliance for Safe Schools: <http://www.safeschools.org>

National School Safety Center: <http://www.nssc1.org>

U.S. Department of Education, Safe
Schools: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/gtss.html>

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