

PHILOSOPHY-GOALS-OBJECTIVES AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

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

Each principal or designee shall ensure the development of a comprehensive site-level safety plan, in accordance with law and district-wide plans, tailored to the specific concerns of each school. The plan shall take into account the school's staff, 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.

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 developing such strategies, district administrators shall consult with law enforcement official 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.

Each school shall forward the safety plan to the Board for approval.

The Board shall approve the comprehensive district-wide 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 State Department of Education of any schools that have not complied with the requirements of the Education Code.

Comprehensive Safety Plan (continued)

Public Access to Safety Plan

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.

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

Legal Reference:

Education Code: 200-262.4, 32260-32262, 32270, 32280-32289, 32290, 35147, 35183, 35291, 35291.5, 35294.10-35294.15, 41510-41514, 48900-48927, 48950, 49079, 67381

Penal Code: 422.55, 626.8, 11164-11174.3

California Constitution Article 1 Sec. 28(c)

Code of Regulations, Title 5 11987-11987.7, 11992-11993

United States Code: Title 20 7101-7165, 7912; Title 42 12101-12213

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