

Instruction

Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan

The school district staff must be prepared to respond immediately and responsibly to any combination of events which threaten to result in a disaster as well as to a disaster when it occurs.

The Superintendent shall develop and maintain a disaster preparedness plan which makes provisions for handling all foreseeable and unforeseeable emergencies and disasters. The plan shall be reviewed and updated annually.

The plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following topics:

1. Fire in a building of the district.
2. Fire from an external source, such as a forest, brush or grass fire.
3. Civil defense, with procedures in the event of bombing or land attack.
4. Bomb threat or actual detonation of a bomb.
5. Natural disasters, i.e., floods, heavy snows, blizzards, torrential rains, earthquakes, tornados.
6. Man-made disasters, i.e., smog, riots, airplane crashes, chemical accidents.

Emergency procedures which involve other local city and/or county agencies shall be discussed with those agencies to develop the best possible way of handling each situation, and to reduce conflict and confusion where authority overlap occurs.

The Superintendent shall require building principals to maintain working plans and procedures in line with the district plan. Site plans shall reflect the particular building diagram, architecture, site location and special environment, ages of students, transportation facilities, and other appropriate concerns.

The plan shall be provided to all employees who shall be responsible for studying the plan and being prepared to operate effectively within its framework.

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It is the desire of the Governing Board that at least one person at each site should hold a valid certificate of proficiency in first aid.

The Governing Board shall grant the use of school buildings, grounds and equipment to public agencies, including the American Red Cross, for mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare. The Board shall cooperate with such agencies in furnishing and maintaining such services as the Governing Board may deem necessary to meet the needs of the community. (Education Code 40041.5)

Legal Reference:

Education Code

32000-32004 Uniform fire signals (with requirement that every school building with capacity of 50 or more students be provided with a fire warning system.

32040 Duty to equip school with first aid kit

32200 Liability of employees for civil damage for injury during fire or other drill (shall not be held personally liable unless negligence or willful act or employee is proven)

35295 et seq. Earthquake emergency procedures

39834 Operating overloaded bus

40041.5 Use of school buildings and equipment for disaster shelters

46390-46392 Emergency average daily attendance in case of disaster, et al.

Administrative Code, Title 5

550 Fire drills

560 Civil defense and disaster preparedness plans