

EMERGENCIES AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN

The Governing Board recognizes that all district staff and students must be prepared to respond quickly and responsibly to emergencies, disasters and threats of disaster. *The district shall take all reasonable steps to prevent and/or mitigate the impact of a disaster on district students, staff, and schools.*

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a disaster preparedness plan which details provisions for handling emergencies and disasters and which shall be included in the district’s comprehensive school safety plan. (Education Code 32282)

~~In developing the district and school emergency plans, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with city and county emergency responders, including local public health administrators. In developing the disaster preparedness plan, the Superintendent or designee shall involve district staff at all levels, including administrators, district police or security officers, facilities managers, transportation managers, food services personnel, school psychologists, counselors, school nurses, teachers, classified employees, and public information officers. As appropriate, he/she shall also collaborate with law enforcement, fire safety officials, emergency medical services, health and mental health professionals, parents/guardians, and students.~~

The Superintendent or designee shall use state-approved Standard Emergency Management System guidelines and the National Incident Command System when updating district and site-level emergency and disaster preparedness plans.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to employees regarding their responsibilities, including periodic drill and exercises to test and refine staff’s responsiveness in the event of an emergency.

The 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 whatever service they deem necessary to meet the community’s needs. (Education Code 32282)

(cf. 1330 – Use of School Facilities)

District employees are considered disaster service workers and are subject to disaster service activities assigned to them. (Government Code 3100)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 32001 Fire alarms and drills
- 32040 Duty to equip school with first aid kit
- 32280-32289 School safety plans
- 32290 Safety devices
- 39834 Operating overloaded bus
- 46390-46392 Emergency average daily attendance in case of disaster
- 49505 Natural disaster; meals for homeless students; reimbursement

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 3100 Public employees as disaster service workers
- 8607 Standardized emergency management system

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

550 Fire drills

560 Civil defense and disaster preparedness plans

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 19

2400-2450 Standardized emergency management system

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act