

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 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*