

Riverside County Office of Education
Board Policy 0450 Comprehensive Safety Plan

PHILOSOPHY-GOALS-OBJECTIVES AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Safety Plan

The Riverside County Board of Education (County Board) and the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) recognize that students and staff have the right to a safe and secure campus where they are free from physical and psychological harm. The County Board and County Superintendent are 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) (cf. 5137 – Positive School Climate)

The County Superintendent or designee shall oversee the development of a comprehensive Riverside County Office of Education (County Office) -wide safety plan that identifies major safety concerns as well as the County Office's goals and priorities for safe schools. The plan shall include violence prevention strategies and actions to be taken in the event of a crisis.

Each site administrator or designee shall ensure the development of a site-level plan, in accordance with law, 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. (cf. 0420 – School Plans/Site Councils) (cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

The school safety plan shall be reviewed and updated annually by March 1 of each year. New school campuses shall develop a safety plan within one year of initiating operations. (Education Code 32286)

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

Before a school safety plan is approved pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section, 32288 the school safety plan shall be presented at a public meeting of the county office of education and the adoption of the school safety plan shall not be an item for consent at that meeting. The county office of education shall discuss both of the following:

- 1) How the school safety plan addresses the needs of the school and pupils within that school.
- 2) How the school site council or safety planning committee considered the three essential components when writing the plan, including assuring each student a safe physical environment; assuring each student a safe, respectful, accepting and emotionally nurturing environment; and providing each student resiliency skills. (Education Code 32288, 35294.21, 35294.22)

The County Superintendent shall approve the comprehensive County Office of Education-wide and/or school safety plan(s) in order to ensure compliance with law, County Office of Education policy and administrative regulation.

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By October 15 of each year, the County Superintendent or designee shall notify the State Department of Education of any schools that have not complied with the requirements of Education Code 32281 (Education Code 32288)

The County Superintendent or designee shall also provide data to the California Department of Education pertaining to lockdown or multi-option response drills conducted at County Office schools in accordance with Education Code 32289.5. (Education Code 32289.5) (cf.1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures)

The site administrator 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 County Office of Education Records) (cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

The County Superintendent or designee shall share the comprehensive safety plans and any updates to the plans with local law enforcement, the local fire department, and other first responder entities. (Education Code 32281)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of sex discrimination

32260-32262 Interagency School Safety Demonstration Act of 1985

32270 School safety cadre

32280-32289.5 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

48900-48926 Suspension and expulsion

48950 Speech and other communication

49079 – Notification to teacher of student who has committed acts constituting grounds for suspension or expulsion

67381 Violent crime, definition

PENAL CODE

628-628.6 Reporting of school crime

11164-11174.3 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

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

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11922-11993 Definition, persistently dangerous schools

11987 – 11987.7 – School Community Violence Prevention Program requirements

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

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

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7114 Application for local educational agencies

7912 – Transfers for persistently dangerous schools

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

American Red Cross

California Department of Education, Safe Schools Office

California Emergency Management Agency

California Seismic Safety Commission

Federal Bureau of Investigation

National Alliance for Safe Schools

National School Safety Center

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