

Instruction

Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a disaster preparedness plan that makes provision for handling foreseeable emergencies and disasters. The plan may be reviewed and updated at least 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, riot, airplane crashes, chemical accidents.

The Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to establish procedures to be followed in case of earthquakes. Such procedures shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. A school building disaster plan for maintaining the safety and care of students and district personnel.
2. A DROP procedure/
3. Protective measures to be taken before, during and after an earthquake.
4. A program to ensure that students and district personnel are aware of and properly trained in the earthquake emergency procedure.

Practice drills of DROP procedures shall be held periodically so that students and staff may be adequately prepared in case of an earthquake.

The Board of Trustees may review and adopts a Disaster Preparedness Plan (Civil Defense).

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

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

The Board of Trustees of the school district 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 Board of Trustees may deem necessary to meet the needs of the community. (Education Code 44041.5)

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 of 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

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