

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EL CAMINO REAL ALLIANCE**

**RESOLUTION
RE: RESPONSIBLE FIREARMS STORAGE**

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of El Camino Real Alliance (“ECRA”), a tax exempt, California nonprofit public benefit corporation doing business as El Camino Real Charter High School, does hereby adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS, evidence strongly suggests that responsible firearm storage is an essential component to any effective strategy to keep schools and students safe;

WHEREAS, an estimated 4.6 million American children live in households with at least one loaded, unlocked firearm;

WHEREAS, every year, nearly 350 children under the age of 18 unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else. That is roughly one unintentional shooting per day, and 77 percent of these incidents take place inside a home;

WHEREAS, another 590 children die by gun suicide each year, most often using guns belonging to a family member;

WHEREAS, in incidents of gun violence on school grounds, 79 percent of active shooters are current students or recent graduates, and 78 percent of shooters under the age of 18 obtained their guns from their own home, a relative’s home, or from friends;

WHEREAS, research shows that responsible firearm storage practices are associated with up to an 85 percent reduction in the risk of self-inflicted and unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center recommends the importance of appropriate storage of weapons because many school attackers used firearms acquired from their homes;

WHEREAS, across the country, lawmakers, community members, and local leaders are working together to implement public awareness campaigns, such as Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America’s Be SMART program, that is endorsed by the National PTA, and encourages secure gun storage practices and highlight the public safety risks of unsecured guns;

WHEREAS, California Education Code Section 32280 *et seq.*, requires all schools to have a school safety plan;

WHEREAS, these plans address violence prevention, emergency preparedness, traffic safety and crisis intervention;

WHEREAS, keeping students, teachers and staff safe from the threat of gun violence should be the responsibility of all adult stakeholders at our school;

WHEREAS, an estimated 30 percent of adults in California own a firearm;

WHEREAS, state (and local) law criminalize unsafe storage of firearms where minors may be present; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue with preventative measures to increase student and school safety we must act now,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board directs the Executive Director to update the Parent-Student Handbook to include information about the legal duties of parents/guardians to responsibly store firearms;

2. The Board directs the Executive Director to create an appropriate letter, in English and Spanish, to parents and guardians that explains the importance of responsible gun storage and the legal obligations to protect minors from accessing irresponsibly stored guns, to be included in annual registration materials, and requiring a signature acknowledging awareness of responsible gun storage responsibilities; and,

3. The Board and the Executive Director will continue to work with local law enforcement agencies, health agencies and non-profits to collaborate and increase efforts to inform parents and guardians of their duty to responsibly store firearms in their homes.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors has adopted the above resolution by vote at a regular Board meeting this 19th day of November, 2019.

By:  _____
Beatriz Chen, Secretary



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November 19, 2019

INFORMATION ABOUT PARENT/GUARDIAN LEGAL DUTIES CONCERNING SAFE GUN STORAGE

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Providing our students and staff with a safe educational environment remains one of our top priorities. We are all aware of incidents of gun violence in our surrounding communities, and across the nation. In California each year, an average of 27 children under the age of 18 have died by suicide with a gun that belonged to someone at home. In the majority of these gun-related incidents, the minor gained access to a lawfully purchased gun from their residence or the residence of a relative. In incidents of gun violence on school grounds, 78% of shooters under the age of 18 obtained their guns from their own home, a relative's home, or from friends. El Camino Real Charter High School takes steps to ensure that campuses are safe from the threat of gun violence. Any student found in possession of a firearm on campus is subject to immediate arrest, suspension and expulsion proceedings. To further our efforts to protect students against firearms, and as a courtesy to our families, we would like to bring to your attention the legal obligations to protect minors from negligent gun storage. Please see two of the gun storage laws summarized below:

Safe Storage of Handguns, Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 55.21 This City of Los Angeles statute makes it a crime to have a handgun within a residence unless the handgun is stored in a locked container or disabled with a trigger lock approved by the California Department of Justice.

Criminal Storage of a Firearm, California Penal Code Section 25100(a) This State statute makes it a crime to store a loaded firearm on any premises under your control if you knew or reasonably should have known a child is likely to gain access to the firearm, and the child gains access causing death or great bodily injury.

Feel free to retrieve the full text of the above laws for further details. In addition, Students Demand Action and SAVE Promise, two student led clubs on ECR's campus, will be hosting a **Violence Prevention Informational Night on Monday, December 9th, 2019 at 6pm in the Library**. Please consider attending to learn more from our students and staff about gun violence prevention and mental health awareness.

Very truly yours,

Executive Director Mr. Hussey
Students Demand Action San Fernando Valley
SAVE Promise ECR

Safe gun storage acknowledgment form: Please sign below acknowledging receipt of this information.

Student name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____



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INFORMACIÓN SOBRE LAS RESPONSABILIDADES LEGALES DE LOS PADRES/TUTORES EN RELACIÓN CON EL ALMACENAMIENTO SEGURO DE ARMAS

Estimado padre/tutor:

Brindarles a nuestros estudiantes y personal un ambiente educativo seguro sigue siendo una de nuestras principales prioridades. Todos tenemos conocimiento de los incidentes de violencia con armas de fuego en nuestras comunidades vecinas y en todo el país. Cada año en California, un promedio de 27 niños menores de 18 años mueren por suicidio con un arma que pertenecía a alguien de su casa. En la mayoría de estos incidentes relacionados con armas, el menor obtuvo acceso a un arma comprada legalmente que estaba en su residencia o en la residencia de un pariente. En incidentes violentos con armas en las áreas escolares, el 78% de los agresores son menores de 18 años y obtuvieron las armas de su propia casa, de la casa de un familiar, o de sus amigos. La escuela secundaria El Camino Real Charter toma medidas para garantizar que la escuela esté a salvo de la amenaza de la violencia con armas de fuego. Cualquier estudiante que se encuentre en posesión de un arma de fuego en la escuela está sujeto a arresto inmediato, suspensión y procedimientos de expulsión. A fin de aumentar aún más nuestros esfuerzos para proteger a los estudiantes contra las armas de fuego, y como cortesía para nuestras familias, nos gustaría llamar a su atención las obligaciones legales para proteger a los menores del almacenamiento negligente de armas. Por favor, vea a continuación el resumen de dos de las leyes sobre el almacenamiento de armas:

Almacenamiento seguro de pistolas, Código Municipal de Los Angeles, artículo 55.21 Esta ley de la ciudad de Los Ángeles hace que sea un delito tener una pistola dentro de una residencia a menos que la pistola esté almacenada en un contenedor cerrado con llave, o que esté desactivada con un seguro de gatillo aprobado por el Departamento de Justicia de California.

Almacenamiento criminal de un arma de fuego, Código Penal de California, artículo 25100(A) Esta ley estatal hace que sea un delito almacenar un arma de fuego cargada en cualquier sitio bajo su control, sabiendo, o cuando razonablemente debería haber sabido, que es probable que un niño obtenga acceso al arma de fuego, y que el niño logre tener acceso a la misma, causando muerte o un gran daño físico.

No dude en extraer el texto completo de las leyes anteriores para obtener más detalles. Adicionalmente, los grupos de Estudiantes Demandando Acción y Promesa SAVE, dos clubes dirigidos por estudiantes en nuestra escuela, estará organizando una **Noche Informativa de Prevención el lunes, 9 de diciembre del 2019 a las 6:00 pm en la biblioteca**. Por favor considere asistir para aprender más de nuestros estudiantes y del personal escolar sobre la prevención de violencia armada y conciencia de salud mental.

Cordialmente,

Sr. David Hussey, Director Ejecutivo
Students Demand Action San Fernando Valley
SAVE Promise ECR

ALMACENAMIENTO SEGURO DE ARMAS - FORMULARIO DE CONFIRMACIÓN: Por favor, firme a continuación para confirmar que ha recibido esta información.

Nombre del estudiante (en letra de molde por favor): _____

Nombre del padre/tutor (en letra de molde por favor): _____

Firma del padre/tutor: _____ Fecha: _____