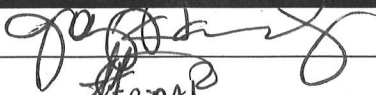
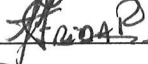

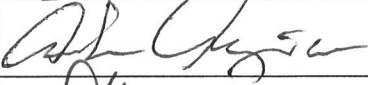
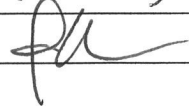


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## Senate Bill 187: Comprehensive School Safety Plan Purpose

Effective January 1, 2019, Assembly Bill 1747 (Rodriguez), School Safety Plans, became law. This bill requires that during the writing and development of the comprehensive school safety plan (CSSP), the school site council or safety committee consult with a fire department and other first responder entities in addition to currently required entities. It requires the CSSP and any updates made to the plan to be shared with the law enforcement agency, the fire department, and the other first responder entities.

The California Education Code (sections 32280-32288) outlines the requirements of all schools operating any kindergarten and any grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to write and develop a school safety plan relevant to the needs and resources of that particular school.

In 2004, the Legislature and Governor recast and renumbered the Comprehensive School Safety Plan provisions in SB 719 and AB115. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting the provisions to support California public schools as they develop their mandated comprehensive safety plans that are the result of a systematic planning process, that include strategies aimed at the prevention of, and education about, potential incidents involving crime and violence on school campuses.

The historical requirement of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan was presented in Senate Bill 187, which was approved by the Governor and chaptered in 1997. This legislation contained a sunset clause that stated that this legislation would remain in effect only until January 1, 2000. Senate Bill 334 was approved and chaptered in 1999 and perpetuated this legislation under the requirement of the initial legislation.

Comprehensive School Safety Plans are required under SB 719 & AB 115 and contains the following elements:

- Assessment of school crime committed on school campuses and at school-related functions
- Child abuse reporting procedures
- Disaster procedures
- Suspension and expulsion policies
- Procedures to notify teachers of dangerous pupils
- Discrimination and harassment policies
- School wide dress code policies
- Procedures for safe ingress and egress
- Policies enacted to maintain a safe and orderly environment
- Rules and procedures on school discipline
- Hate crime reporting procedures

The Comprehensive School Safety Plan will be reviewed and updated by March 1st every year. In July of every year, the school will report on the status of its school safety plan including a description of its key elements in the annual school accountability report card.

A copy (electronic or paper) of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan is provided yearly to the following:

- School staff
- Parents
- After-school program staff
- Oxnard Police Department
- Oxnard Fire Department
- Early Childhood Education staff
- Volunteer Coaches

A copy of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan is available for review online at [www.oxnardsd.org](http://www.oxnardsd.org) or in the Sierra Linda Elementary's office.

### **COVID-19 PANDEMIC INFORMATION FOR 2023 – 2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

*For the most up-to-date information concerning our COVID-19 protocols, feel free to visit the following websites:*

Oxnard School District @ [www.oxnardsd.org](http://www.oxnardsd.org)

Ventura County Department of Public Health @ [www.vhca.org](http://www.vhca.org)  
Center for Disease Control and Prevention @ [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

**Safety Plan Vision**

We encourage children to become creative, academically competent, responsible citizens within a safe and healthy learning environment where all individuals are nurtured and respected. We believe students should be actively involved in all aspects of their academic and social-emotional development. We promote a "Respectful, Responsible and Safe" school environment.

We firmly believe that all children will learn and achieve their full potential when they are in a clean, safe, nurturing, and secure environment.

## **Components of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan (EC 32281)**

### **Sierra Linda Elementary Safety Committee**

The following are members of our site's safety committee:

Armondo Arreguin, Safety Committee Chair-Teacher

Susana Luna, School Counselor

Jesus Espinoza, Lead Custodian

Frida Martinez, ELAC

Maria Morones, Office Manager

Jorge Mares, Principal

Jesus Ramirez, Oxnard Police Department Representative

Scott Brewer, Fire Department Representative

### **Assessment of School Safety**

The school is closed to all adults unless they check in with the office and receive a visitor badge. There is still a challenge with the additional parents for kindergarten where the kindergarten area is inside the campus, as is the breakfast area. We have determined that Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten parents will only escort their students into the breakfast line or into the kindergarten playground area during the first three days of school (when feasible). Parents/guardians may receive special permission from the principal depending on the situation that may impact the student.

The Principal leads a minimum of two whole school lockdown drills, as well as monitors the school campus, and provides support.

The Risk Management Department from the District conducts a Safety Inspection of the campus each year. A report is submitted and necessary changes are made by either school personnel or district personnel.

Any safety issues are reported by staff to administration as they are noticed to be handled by the Lead Custodian or through work orders to the district office. The Lead Custodian and the Principal also conduct a monthly safety inspection and submit a report to the District Office.

Office Referrals mostly happen during recess and lunch and are shared with parents, teachers, counselors, and if need be with a representative from OPD. The PBIS team has tallied the number of office referrals and reasons to best assess the effectiveness of consequences. A summary of office referrals will be shared with staff, ELAC, and SSC to address areas of highest concern.

Attendance Rates and Suspension Rates are shared with parents and staff. Students with perfect attendance and no suspensions are recognized during school assemblies for their attendance/behavior. Staff meets with parents of those students with poor attendance/suspension. Interventions and solutions are documented and agreed upon with parents. If poor attendance continues families are placed on an attendance contract and/or recommended for Oxnard School District SARB. Students with perfect attendance are invited to a special activity.

The Panorama Survey results are shared with parents on SSC, ELAC, and staff. The PBIS team reviews results and uses them as a base for improvements campus-wide.

The Safety Committee reviews and discusses procedures to be followed by staff and students during emergencies.

### **Strategies and Programs to Provide and Maintain a High Level of Safety (EC 32281(a)1, items A-J)**

The following strategies and programs are consistent with California educational code 32281 and reflect the school's commitment to safety within the following areas:

#### **(A) Child Abuse Reporting Procedures (EC 35294.2 [a] [2]; PC 11166)**

## GENERAL

As stated in the Board Policy (BP 5141.4), "District employees shall report known or suspected incidence of child abuse in accordance with district regulations and state law. Employees shall fully cooperate with the child protective agencies responsible for reporting, investigating and prosecuting cases of child abuse."

When an employee suspects child abuse, the employee shall immediately meet and discuss the situation with a school counselor or an administrator. Information will be noted (name of person making report, name of child, present location of child, nature and extent of injury, and all other pertinent information.) At that time the counselor or administrator will assist the employee in making a call to Children and Family Services (654-3200) or the local Police Department (Oxnard 385-7600, Sheriff's Dept. 654-2311). The counselor or administrator will make note of time, date and name of official contacted. The employee will then complete and mail the required written report to the local Children and Family services agency. The counselor or assistant principal will notify the principal.

Employees (mandated reporters) have absolute immunity and are not liable for filing a required report. If a mandated reporter does not wish to disclose his/her identity to a district administrator, he/she shall at least provide or mail a copy of the written report to the district without his/her signature or name after making the required call to Children and Family Services or appropriate law enforcement agency. Mandated reports of sexual activity must be reported to either the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) or to the appropriate police jurisdiction. This information will then be cross-reported to the other legal agency.

School manager either mails or faxes over the completed abuse form to CFS within 36 hours of the report. School office manager gives a copy to principal and to the Oxnard School District Superintendent.

## SEXUAL ACTIVITY

Child abuse laws change from time to time. Should you suspect that a student is engaged in unlawful sexual activity, please consult with the school social worker and campus officer to determine if particular provisions under this section are current and in effect.

- a. Involuntary sexual activity is always reportable.
- b. Incest, even if voluntary, is always reportable. Incest is a marriage or act of intercourse between parents and children; ancestors and descendants of every degree; brothers and sisters of half and whole blood and uncles and nieces or aunts and nephews. (Family Code §2200).
- c. Voluntary Sexual Activity may or may not be reportable. Even if the behavior is voluntary, there are circumstances where the behavior is abusive, either by Penal Code definition or because of an exploitative relationship, then this behavior must be reported. If there is reasonable suspicion of sexual abuse prior to the consensual activity, the abuse must be reported.

Reportable Sexual Activity if a Child is 14 Years of Age and:

- a. Partner is younger than 14 years old, but there is a disparity in chronological or maturational age or indications of intimidation, coercion or bribery or other indications of an exploitative relationship.
- b. Partner is 14 years or older lewd & lascivious acts committed by a partner of any age partner is alleged spouse and over 14 years of age.

Reportable Sexual Activity if the Child is 14 or 15 years and:

- a. There is unlawful sexual intercourse with a partner older than 14 but less than 21 years of age and there is no indication of abuse or evidence of an exploitative relationship. There is unlawful sexual intercourse with a partner older than 21 years
- b. There is lewd and lascivious acts committed by a partner more than 10 years older than the child is.
- c. The partner is the alleged spouse and over 21 years of age

Reportable Sexual Activity if the Child is 16 or 17 years and:

- a. The partner is less than 14 years of age
- b. There is unlawful sexual intercourse with a partner older than 14 and there is evidence of an exploitative relationship
- c. The partner is the alleged spouse and there is evidence of an exploitative relationship

Reportable Sexual Activity if the Child is under 18 years:

- a. Sodomy, oral copulation, penetration of a genital or anal opening by a foreign object, even if consensual, with a partner of any age.

Not Reportable Sexual Activity:



- a. Child is 14 years or younger and partner is younger than 14 years and of similar age or maturational age. Sexual behavior is voluntary and consensual. There are no indications of intimidation, coercion, bribery, or other indications of an exploitative relationship.
- b. Unlawful sexual intercourse of a child 14 to 15-years old with a partner older than 14 and less than 21 years of age and there is no indication of abuse or evidence of an exploitative relationship.
- c. Unlawful sexual intercourse with a child 16 or 17 years with a partner older than 14 and there is no indication of an exploitative relationship.

Mandated reports of sexual activity must be reported to either the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) or to the appropriate police jurisdiction. This information will then be cross-reported to the other legal agency.

#### STAFF TRAINING

All Oxnard School District staff who work with students are trained annually in regard to child abuse. New employees are trained upon being hired. Employees receive training on their legal obligation under law regarding mandated reporting. Employees also receive training to recognize signs and symptoms of child abuse.

#### **(B) Disaster Procedures (EC 35295-35297; GC 8607 and 3100)**

#### GENERAL

This Plan addresses the Oxnard School District's responsibilities in emergencies associated with natural disaster, human-caused emergencies and technological incidents. It provides a framework for coordination of response and recovery efforts within the District in coordination and with local, State, and Federal agencies. The Plan establishes an emergency organization to direct and control operations at all sites during a period of emergency by assigning responsibilities to specific personnel. This Plan:

- Conforms to the Federally mandated National Incident Management System (NIMS), State mandated Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and effectively restructures emergency response at all levels in compliance with the Incident Command System (ICS).
- Establishes response policies and procedures, providing Oxnard School District clear guidance for planning purposes.
- Describes and details procedural steps necessary to protect lives and property.
- Outlines coordination requirements.
- Provides a basis for unified training and response exercises to ensure compliance.

#### OBJECTIVES

- Protect the safety and welfare of students, employees and staff.
- Provide for a safe and coordinated response to emergencies.
- Protect the District's facilities and properties.
- Enable the District to restore normal conditions with minimal confusion in the shortest time possible.
- Provide for interface and coordination between sites and the District Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- Provide for interface and coordination between sites and the County or city EOC in which they reside.
- Provide for the orderly conversion of pre-designated District sites to American Red Cross shelters, when necessary.

Schools are required by both federal statute and state regulation to be available for shelters following a disaster. The American Red Cross (ARC) has access to schools in damaged areas to set up their mass care facilities, and local governments have a right to use schools for the same purposes. This requires close cooperation between school officials and ARC or local government Representatives, and should be planned and arranged for in advance.

In an Emergency Building Evacuation, all employees will:

- Upon emergency alert, secure work area and depart/report to assigned area.
- Perform duties as pre-assigned by the Principal in cooperation with emergency services personnel.
- DO NOT re-enter the building without permission or request of emergency service authorities.
- Remain in the general assembly areas and calm students if not assigned another duty.
- When signaled to re-enter safe areas of the school, quickly do so.
- Upon safe re-entry, report anything amiss to the Operations Chief.

In an Emergency Building Evacuation, teachers will also:

- Upon alert, assemble students for evacuation using designated routes and account for all students.

- Secure room.
- If possible, leave a note on the door advising where the class evacuated to if other than the standard assembly area.
- Upon arrival at the assembly area, account for all students.
- Secure medical treatment for injured students.
- Report any students missing or left behind because of serious injuries.
- Stay with and calm students.
- If signaled to re-enter school, assure students do so quickly and calmly.
- Account for all students.
- Check room and report anything amiss to the Team Leader and/or Operations Chief.
- Debrief students to calm fears about the evacuation.

In an Emergency Campus Evacuation:

If it is necessary to evacuate the entire campus to another school or relief center, the Principal will:

- Notify the Superintendent of the Campus Evacuation.
- Cooperate with emergency authorities in enlisting students/staff with cars to help transport evacuees.
- Direct the evacuation, assure all students/staff are accounted for as they depart and arrive.

Dismissal of students from the school shall be governed by the emergency procedures outlined in this procedure guide and consistent with the Initial Response System. However, this policy does not preclude the exercise of professional judgment by an administrator when the circumstances of the situation indicate dismissal to be in the best interest of the student.

- Each teacher MUST KEEP THE REGISTER OR ENROLLMENT SHEET OF PUPILS READILY AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES. The teacher will remain with students until directed otherwise.
- In the absence of orders from the superintendent, each school principal is authorized and directed to implement plans as described herein or take such other action as may be necessary to save lives and mitigate the effects of disasters.
- During an emergency period or condition created by disaster, occurrence students may only be released to parent, guardian or other adult specified on the Emergency Data Card. THERE SHALL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY.

Emergency Announcements will be provided on the following radio stations:

AM Radio Stations:

KTNQ-AM 1020 "Univision America" Spanish  
 KNX-AM 1070 "KNX 1070 Newsradio"  
 KUNX-AM 1400 "La Super X" Spanish  
 KKZZ-AM 1520 "La Voz" Spanish  
 KVTA- AM 1590 "Ventura's Talk Authority"

FM Radio Stations:

KCRU-FM 89.1 "Public Radio for Southern California"  
 KIND-FM 94.1 "Radio Indigena 94.1" Spanish / Mixteco  
 KXLM-FM 102.9 "Radio Lazer 102.9 FM" Spanish

CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY SERVICES ACT (CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1, TITLE 2, CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE)

The Act provides the basic authorities for conducting emergency operations following a proclamation of Local Emergency, State of Emergency, or State of War Emergency by the Governor and/or appropriate local authorities, consistent with the provisions of this Act.

CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 3100, TITLE 1, DIVISION 4, CHAPTER 4.

States that public employees are disaster service workers, subject to such disaster service activities as may be assigned to them by their superiors or by law. The term "public employees" includes all persons employed by the state or any county, city, city and county, state agency or public district, excluding aliens legally employed.

The law applies to public school employees in the following cases:

- When a local emergency is proclaimed.
- When a state of emergency is proclaimed.
- When a federal disaster declaration is made.

The law has two ramifications for School District employees:

1. It is likely that public school employees are pressed into service as Disaster Service Workers by their superiors, and may be asked to do jobs other than their usual duties for periods exceeding their normal working hours.
2. When pressed into disaster service, employees' Workers' Compensation Coverage becomes the responsibility of state government (OES), but their overtime pay is paid by the school. These circumstances apply only when a local or state emergency is declared. States that (the Governor's Office of Emergency Services has stated) inadequately trained school staff render school officials potentially liable for acts committed or omitted by school staff acting within the scope of their training during or after a disaster. (Sub Sections 835-840.6). It requires that school districts be prepared to respond to emergencies using SEMS. (Section 8607, the Petris Bill).

#### CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE, CHAPTER 9, SECTION 1799.102

It provides for "Good Samaritan Liability" for those providing emergency care at the scene of an emergency. ("No person, who, in good faith and not for compensation, renders emergency care at the scene of an emergency, shall be liable for any civil damages resulting from any act or omission. The scene of an emergency shall not include emergency departments and other places where medical care is usually offered.")

#### PUBLIC AGENCY USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS FOR EMERGENCY SHELTERS

Procedures are in place to allow a public agency, including the American Red Cross, to use school buildings, grounds, and equipment for mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare. The district or county office shall cooperate with the public agency in furnishing and maintaining the services as the district or county office may deem necessary to meet the needs of the community.

#### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The after-school program staff is trained annually in regard to disaster response. The District maintains a full-time After School Program Manager, who oversees safety training and disaster preparedness for the program. The After School Program Manager ensures that the following safety components are addressed within the after-school program environment:

- Elements of a safe and orderly environment
- Emergency evacuation procedures
- Student release procedures
- Incident Command Team responsibilities
- Child abuse reporting
- Rules, expectations and consequences
- Non-discrimination and harassment reporting

#### TRAINING

All staff are trained annually in regard to disaster procedures within the Comprehensive School Safety Plan and the District's Emergency Operations Plan. The school conducts monthly safety drills for fire and earthquake. The school also conducts a lockdown security drill at a minimum of once yearly within the first month of school under the direction of the School Resource Officer.

*FOR DISASTER PLAN PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES (SEE APPENDICES).*

### **(C) School Suspension, Expulsion and Mandatory Expulsion Guidelines**

The Oxnard School District Governing Board has established policies and standards of behavior in order to promote learning and protect the safety and well-being of all students. When these policies and standards are violated, it may be necessary to suspend or expel a student from regular classroom instruction.

Except where suspension for a first offense is warranted in accordance with law, suspension shall be imposed only when other means of correction fail to bring about proper conduct. (Education Code 48900.5)

Expulsion is an action taken by the Board for severe or prolonged breaches of discipline by a student. Except for single acts of a grave nature, expulsion is used only when there is a history of misconduct, when other forms of discipline, including suspension, have failed to bring about proper conduct, or when the student's presence causes a continuing danger to himself/herself or others. (Education Code 48915)

The grounds for suspension and expulsion and the procedures for considering, recommending and/or implementing suspension and expulsion shall be specified in administrative regulation.

Suspended or expelled students shall be excluded from all school-related extracurricular activities during the suspension or expulsion.

#### STUDENT DUE PROCESS

The board shall provide for the fair and equitable treatment of students facing suspension and expulsion by affording them their due process rights under the law. The Superintendent or designee shall comply with procedures for notices and appeals as specified in administrative regulation and law. (Education Code 48911, 48915, 48915.5)

#### ALTERNATIVES TO SUSPENSION / OPTIONS

All schools within the Oxnard School District may establish a suspension program, which involves progressive discipline during the school day on campus, conferences, detention, student study team, referral to support services staff and/or other resources including District.

#### REQUIRED PARENTAL ATTENDANCE

The teacher of the class from which the student was suspended may require the parent/caregiver to attend a portion of a school day in the classroom in coordination with the principal and in accordance with all related policies/regulations for implementing this school suspension option.

#### DEFINITIONS

Suspension from school means removal of a student from ongoing instruction for adjustment purposes.

Expulsion means removal of a student from the immediate supervision and control, or the general supervision of school personnel.

#### NOTICE OF REGULATIONS

At the beginning of each school year, the principal of each school shall ensure that all students and parents/guardians are notified in writing of all school rules related to discipline, suspension and expulsion. Transfer students and their parents/guardians shall be notified at the time of enrollment. (Education Code 35291.5, 48900.1, 48980)

Notification shall include information about the availability of individual school rules and all district policies and regulations pertaining to student discipline. (Education Code 35291)

#### GROUNDINGS FOR SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

Students may be subject to suspension or expulsion for committing any of the acts listed below:

- a) (1) Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person; or  
(2) Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense.
- b) Possessed, sold, or furnished any firearm, knife, dangerous object or explosive.
- c) Possessed, sold, furnished, or been under the influence of any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind.
- d) Offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind, and then either sold, delivered or otherwise furnished anything in lieu of it and represented the replacement as a controlled substance, alcohol, intoxicant, or representation of items thereof..
- e) Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.
- f) Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property.
- g) Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property.
- h) Possessed or used tobacco, or tobacco products.
- i) Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.
- j) Offered, possessed, arranged or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia.
- l) Knowingly received stolen school property or private property.
- m) Possessed an imitation firearm.
- n) Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault, or committed a sexual battery, as defined in the Penal Code.
- o) Harassed, threatened or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding.

- p) Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma.
- q) Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing as defined in Section 245.6 of the Penal Code.
- r) Engaged in an act of bullying. For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms have the following meanings:
- (1) "Bullying" means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, and including one or more acts committed by a pupil or group of pupils as defined in Section 48900.2, 48900.3, or 48900.4, directed toward one or more pupils that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:
- (A) Placing a reasonable pupil or pupils in fear of harm to that pupil's or those pupils' person or property.
- (B) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his or her physical or mental health.
- (C) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with his or her academic performance.
- (D) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with his or her ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.
- (2) (A) "Electronic act" means the transmission, by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager, of a communication.
- (i) A message, text, sound, or image.
- (ii) A post on a social network Internet Web site including, but not limited to:
- (I) Posting to or creating a burn page. "Burn page" means an Internet Web site created for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (1).
- (II) Creating a credible impersonation of another actual pupil for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (1). "Credible impersonation" means to knowingly and without consent impersonate a pupil for the purpose of bullying the pupil and such that another pupil would reasonably believe, or has reasonably believed, that the pupil was or is the pupil who was impersonated.
- (III) Creating a false profile for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (1). "False profile" means a profile of a fictitious pupil or a profile using the likeness or attributes of an actual pupil other than the pupil who created the false profile.
- (B) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) and subparagraph (A), an electronic act shall not constitute pervasive conduct solely on the basis that it has been transmitted on the Internet or is currently posted on the Internet.
- (3) "Reasonable pupil" means a pupil, including, but not limited to, an exceptional needs pupil, who exercises average care, skill, and judgment in conduct for a person of his or her age, or for a person of his or her age with his or her exceptional needs
- s) Aided or abetted the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury.
- E.C. 48900.5 Pupil's presence causes a danger to persons or property or threatens to disrupt the instructional process.
- E.C. 48900.7 Pupil has made terrorist threats against school officials or school property, or both.

The following three (3) violations apply to pupils in grades 4 through 12:

- E.C. 48900.2 Committed sexual harassment as defined in section 212.5 of the California Education Code.
- E.C. 48900.3 Caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence.
- E.C. 48900.4 Engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation against school district personnel or pupils

#### MANDATORY RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION

The principal, Superintendent or designee shall recommend that the Board expel any student found at school or at a school activity to be in violation of Education Code 48915(a)(1), unless the principal determines that alternative means of correction would address the conduct.

- (a)(1)(A) Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense.
- (a)(1)(B) Possession of a knife, or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil.
- (a)(1)(C) Unlawful possession of any controlled substance, (except for the first offense of not more than one ounce of marijuana).
- (a)(1)(D) Robbery or extortion.
- (a)(1)(E) Assault or battery upon any school employee.

#### MANDATORY RECOMMENDATION AND MANDATORY EXPULSION

The principal, Superintendent or designee shall recommend that the Board expel any student found at school or at a school activity to be in violation of Education Code 48915(c). Upon finding that the student committed any of these acts, the Board shall expel the student.

1. Possessing, as verified by a district employee, or selling or otherwise furnishing a firearm, unless the student had obtained prior written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee with the principal or designee's concurrence. (Education Code 48915 (c) (5))
2. Brandishing a knife as defined in Education Code 48915(g) at another person.
3. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Health and Safety Code 11053 – 11058.
4. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault.
5. Possession of an explosive.

#### NOTIFICATIONS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES

Prior to the suspension or expulsion of any student, the principal or designee shall notify appropriate city or county law enforcement authorities of any student acts of assault which may have violated Penal Code 245. (Education Code 48902)

The principal or designee also shall notify appropriate city or county law enforcement authorities of any student acts, which may involve the possession or sale of narcotics or of a controlled substance, or possession of weapons or firearms in violation of Penal Code 626.9 and 626.10. (Education Code 48902)

Within one school day after a student's suspension or expulsion, the principal or designee shall notify appropriate city or county law enforcement authorities, by telephone or other appropriate means, of any student acts which may violate Education Code 48900(c) or (d), relating to the possession, use, offering or sale of controlled substances, alcohol or intoxicants of any kind. (Education Code 48902)

#### PRINCIPAL'S DISCRETION IN RECOMMENDING EXPULSION

Discretion: Ability to make responsible decisions using individual choice or judgment. The school principal, in most all-disciplinary incidents, has "latitude of choice within certain legal bounds." When serious violation of school rules occurs, it is wise to consult with the district office before rendering a decision. Responsible decisions take into account the totality of circumstances, including the welfare of the child, the safety of others, appropriateness of consequences and predicted future behavior.

#### **BULLYING**

##### CALIFORNIA STATE LAW REGARDING BULLYING

Right to Safe Schools. All students and staff of public primary, elementary, junior high, senior high schools, and community colleges, colleges, and universities have the inalienable right to attend campuses which are safe, secure and peaceful.

##### AB 9 – Seth's Law

Requires schools to establish policies to prevent bullying and to address and be responsive to complaints about bullying.

- Requires school districts to include in its non-discrimination policy a detailed list where discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying are prohibited under existing law—actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender, gender identity expression, race or ethnicity, nationality, religion, disability, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.
- Requires each school districts non-discrimination policy to describe the district's procedure for addressing discrimination and harassment complaints; and be publicized in places for student and parental access.
- School districts are to strengthen professional development curricula for teachers, school counselors, and administrators with instruction on identifying and stopping discrimination and harassment and creating a school-wide culture of inclusion and respect for differences.

##### AB 746 - Cyber bullying.

Existing law, the Interagency School Safety Demonstration Act of 1985, defines bullying as one or more acts of sexual harassment, hate violence, or intentional harassment, threats, or intimidation, directed against school district personnel or pupils, committed by a pupil or group of pupils. Under existing law, bullying, including bullying committed by means of an electronic act, as defined, is a ground on which suspension or expulsion may be based. This bill would specify that an electronic act for purposes of the act includes a post on a social network Internet Web site.

##### AB 1156 – Bullying In Schools

Redefines California anti-bullying law by expanding the definition of bullying and linking it to academic achievement. It will also strengthen policies and procedures to reduce bullying in schools and keep students safe.

- Requires training of school site personnel in the prevention of bullying
- Links bullying to academic achievement
- Gives victims of bullying priority for school transfer, if requested
- Encourages school districts and county offices of education to include policies and procedures on the prevention of bullying in the school safety plan

#### OXNARD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POLICY 5131.2

##### Bullying

The Board of Trustees recognizes the harmful effects of bullying on student learning and school attendance and desires to provide safe school environments that protect students from physical and emotional harm. District employees shall establish student safety as a high priority and shall not tolerate bullying of any student.

No student or group of students shall, through physical, written, verbal, or other means, harass, sexually harass, threaten, intimidate, cyberbully, cause bodily injury to, or commit hate violence against any other student or school personnel.

Cyberbullying includes the transmission of harassing communications, direct threats, or other harmful texts, sounds, or images on the Internet, social media, or other technologies using a telephone, computer, or any wireless communication device. Cyberbullying also includes breaking into another person's electronic account and assuming that person's identity in order to damage that person's reputation.

Strategies for bullying prevention and intervention shall be developed with involvement of key stakeholders in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation governing the development of comprehensive safety plans and shall be incorporated into such plans.

##### Bullying Prevention

To the extent possible, district and school strategies shall focus on prevention of bullying by establishing clear rules for student conduct and strategies to establish a positive, collaborative school climate. Students shall be informed, through student handbooks and other appropriate means, of district and school rules related to bullying, mechanisms available for reporting incidents or threats, and the consequences for perpetrators of bullying.

The district may provide students with instruction, in the classroom or other educational settings, that promotes effective communication and conflict resolution skills, social skills, character/values education, respect for cultural and individual differences, self-esteem development, assertiveness skills, and appropriate online behavior.

School staff shall receive related professional development, including information about early warning signs of harassing/intimidating behaviors and effective prevention and intervention strategies.

Based on an assessment of bullying incidents at school, the Superintendent or designee may increase supervision and security in areas where bullying most often occurs, such as classrooms, playgrounds, hallways, restrooms, and cafeterias.

##### Intervention

Students are encouraged to notify school staff when they are being bullied or suspect that another student is being victimized. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall develop means for students to report threats or incidents confidentially and anonymously.

School staff who witness bullying shall immediately intervene to stop the incident when it is safe to do so. (Education Code 234.1)

When appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parents/guardians of victims and perpetrators. He/she also may involve school counselors, mental health counselors, and/or law enforcement.

##### Complaints Procedures

The Board hereby designates the following position to handle complaints regarding bullying and inquiries regarding the district's bullying policies:

Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Support Services

1051 South A Street  
Oxnard, CA 93030  
(805) 385-1501 ext. 2050

Any student who feels that he/she has been subjected to bullying should immediately contact the Coordinator, the principal, or any other staff member. Any student or school employee who observes an incident of bullying should report the incident to the Coordinator or principal, whether or not the victim files a complaint.

Upon receiving a complaint of bullying, the Coordinator shall immediately investigate the complaint in accordance with site-level complaint procedures specified in AR 1312.3- Uniform Complaint Procedures.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the student handbook clearly describes the district's bullying policy, procedures for filing a complaint regarding bullying, and the resources that are available to students who feel that they have been the victim of bullying. The district's policy may also be posted on the district website or any other location that is easily accessible to students.

When a student is reported to be engaging in bullying off campus, the Assistant Superintendent or designee shall investigate and document the activity and shall identify specific facts or circumstances that explain the impact or potential impact on school activity, school attendance, or the targeted student's educational performance.

When the circumstances involve cyberbullying, individuals with information about the activity shall be encouraged to save and print any electronic or digital messages that they feel constitute cyberbullying and to notify a teacher, the principal, or other employee so that the matter may be investigated.

When a student uses a social networking site or service to bully or harass another student, the Assistant Superintendent or designee shall file a request with the networking site or service to suspend the privileges of the student and to have the material removed.

#### Discipline

Any student who engages in bullying on school premises, or off campus in a manner that causes or is likely to cause a substantial disruption of a school activity or school attendance, shall be subject to discipline, which may include suspension or expulsion, in accordance with district policies and regulations. Alternative means of correction will be considered where appropriate, as required by Education Code section 48900.5

#### **(D) Procedures to Notify Teachers of Dangerous Pupils (EC 49079)**

Oxnard School District will dutifully notify teachers of students who are identified as dangerous in accordance with California Education Code 49079.

- (a) A school district shall inform the teacher of each pupil who has engaged in, or is reasonably suspected to have engaged in, any of the acts described in any of the subdivisions, except subdivision (h), of Section 48900 or in Section 48900.2, 48900.3, 48900.4, or 48900.7 or Section 48915 that the pupil engaged in, or is reasonably suspected to have engaged in, those acts. The district shall provide the information to the teacher based upon any records that the district maintains in its ordinary course of business, or receives from a law enforcement agency, regarding a pupil described in this section.
- (b) A school district, or school district officer or employee, is not civilly or criminally liable for providing information under this section unless it is proven that the information was false and that the district or district officer or employee knew or should have known that the information was false, or the information was provided with a reckless disregard for its truth or falsity.
- (c) An officer or employee of a school district who knowingly fails to provide information about a pupil who has engaged in, or who is reasonably suspected to have engaged in, the acts referred to in subdivision (a) is guilty of a misdemeanor, which is punishable by confinement in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months, or by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.
- (d) For the 1994-95 school year, the information provided shall be from the previous two school years. For the 1996-97 school year and each school year thereafter, the information provided shall be from the previous three school years.



- (e) Any information received by a teacher pursuant to this section shall be received in confidence for the limited purpose for which it was provided and shall not be further disseminated by the teacher.

**(E) Sexual Harassment Policies (EC 212.6 [b])**

Sexual harassment of any student by any employee, student or other person at school or at any school-related activity is prohibited. The principal and school staff will ensure that students receive age appropriate information related to sexual harassment. Students must be assured that they need not endure any form of sexual conduct or communication, including harassment because of sexual orientation. They must further be assured that they need not endure, for any reason, any harassment that impairs their educational environment or emotional well-being at school. They must be informed that they should immediately contact the principal or a trusted staff member if they feel they are being harassed.

School Suspension & Expulsion/Due Process: Any student who engages in the sexual harassment of anyone at school or a school-related activity shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion for all the schools of the Oxnard School District.

Failure to Report: Any employee who engages in, permits or fails to report sexual harassment shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. In addition, criminal or civil charges may be brought against the alleged harasser; sexual harassment also may be considered a violation of laws relating to child abuse.

School Reporting Procedure: Staff must immediately report complaints of sexual harassment to the principal or to the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources at (805) 486-3408. Staff shall similarly report any such incidents they may observe, even if the harassed student has not complained.

District Complaint Procedure: If a situation involving sexual harassment is not promptly investigated and remedied by the principal or designee, a complaint of harassment may be filed in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures or procedures for complaints concerning district employees. The Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, shall determine which procedure is appropriate.

Prohibition Against Retaliatory Behavior: The Oxnard School District prohibits retaliatory behavior against any complainant or any participant in the complaint process. Information related to a complaint of sexual harassment shall be confidential to the extent possible, and individuals involved in the investigation of such a complaint shall not discuss related information outside the investigation process.

**(F) School-wide Dress Code Relating to Gang-Related Apparel (EC 35183)**

**SIERRA LINDA SCHOOL DRESS POLICY**

All students will be held to the Sierra Linda School Dress Policy. The policy is sent to all families before the start of the school year and reviewed with students the first week of school during PBIS assemblies. Students who violate the dress policy will be requested to fix inappropriate clothing, change into loaners, or call home to have proper clothing items brought to school. Parents may be called at home or work to bring appropriate clothing to school. The purpose of the dress code policy is to ensure a safe and secure environment in which students can benefit from a quality education. The following will be strictly adhered to:

**DRESS CODE**

Gang-related apparel is defined as apparel that reasonably could be determined to threaten the health and safety of the school environment if it were worn or displayed on a school campus.

California Education Code Title V, Section 302: A pupil who goes to school without proper attention having been given to personal cleanliness or neatness of dress, may be sent home to be properly prepared for school, or shall be required to prepare himself for the school room before entering.

Students may not wear clothing or hairstyles that will be disruptive to the educational process.

Sierra Linda's School Dress Policy is based upon the principle that the standard of dress and grooming is primarily the responsibility of the parents and students. One's dress and appearance should not disrupt the education of others. Schools have the authority under State law to restrict the wearing of clothes, which could be considered to be "gang" attire.

1. Clothing, jewelry, and personal items (backpacks, etc.) shall be free of writing, pictures, or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane, or sexually suggestive, which bear any type of weapon, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising.
2. Clothing that exposes underwear, bare midriffs or stomachs (including transparent blouses, crop tops, tank tops, "spaghetti" straps, or halter tops), short shorts, or skirts (above mid-thigh) are not permitted.
3. Shorts that extend below the bottom of the kneecap are not permitted.
4. Hats or hoods may not be worn inside a classroom or school building. Baseball caps or "bucket hats" may be worn for sun protection and must be a plain, solid color, and without any logos.
5. Pants must be worn at the waist to prohibit sagging.
6. Metal accessories that present a hazard to the health or safety of the wearer or others are prohibited on school grounds.

**(G) Procedure for Safe Ingress and Egress of Pupils, Parents, and Staff to and from School (EC 35294.2)**

Results from the parent and teacher survey identified a concern for the school's physical environment. Specifically noted was the dropping off/picking up student area. We are a closed campus. A staff member monitors opened gates during ingress and egress. All guests are required to sign in at the front office and show a valid ID to walk onto campus. All parents/guardians must show a valid ID when picking up students during school hours. Transitional Kindergarten through third grade stay with teachers until picked up by parent/guardian, older sibling, or staff places them on the bus.

Parents/Guardians are asked to provide emergency contact information for their children at the beginning of the year and are asked to make updates as soon as possible when contact information changes.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for providing the school with legal/custodial paperwork regarding a student. The legal documents are attached to the student's emergency card and will be followed accordingly.

**School Hours**

- The regular student day is from 8:35 am to 2:55 pm. for students from grades 1-5. The regular school day for Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten students is from 8:35 am to 2:50 pm. (except for attending before or after-school intervention classes, the After School Program, or early release days). Wednesdays are Early Release days for all students. All students in grades 1-5 are dismissed 1 hour earlier than their regular time. Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten will dismiss two hours before their regular day at 12:50 and Grades 1-5 will dismiss at 1:50 on Wednesdays.
- Upon arriving at school, students are to immediately come onto campus (note entrance gates used by students).
- Students are not allowed to loiter outside campus gates.
- Students not participating in after-school activities are to leave campus immediately by being picked up by a parent/guardian, walking, or riding the bus.
- Parents dropping off students at school should be aware that there is no supervision available before 8:15 am. School office hours are 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Guidelines addressing the arrival and dismissal of students are included in Sierra Linda's agenda and/or handbook. This information is also shared in assemblies and with the parents at parent meetings. Safety issues are also shared through Connect Ed.

**Specific procedures include:**

- No students are allowed to arrive at school before 8:15 AM
- If walking or being dropped off by parents, 1st-5th grade students must enter through their designated gate. If a student is eating breakfast in the cafeteria they must be dropped off in front gates only. If dropped off by bus, 1st-5th grade students enter through kinder gates. All students will walk to their designated area to line up.
- TK-Kinder and 1st-grade students must enter and be dismissed through kinder gates. 1st through 5th grade students must exit through assigned gates.
- Instruction begins at 8:35 for all grades. There is a five-minute warning bell at 8:30
- Parents, staff, and guests are not to park in the bus loading and unloading zone in front of the office.
- Campus Supervisors and teachers are assigned supervision at designated areas during arrival and departure for student safety.
- Parents, staff, and guests are to use caution during arrival and departure times. We expect all drivers to be patient and drive safely.
- Cross streets at designated crosswalks.
- Dismissal time is 2:50 for Transitional Kinder and Kindergarten students. Parents are to park outside of the main school parking lot when waiting for children.

- Dismissal time is 2:55 for first through fifth graders. Parents are to park outside of the main school parking lot when waiting for children.
- Students going home on the bus will line up near room 907 and are then escorted to the bus.
- Teachers supervise classes for safe and orderly dismissal.
- Teachers monitor high-traffic areas at dismissal (bus area, street corner, parking lot crossing area).
- Oxnard PD monitors ingress and egress, providing feedback to improve traffic flow and reminding parents to follow traffic laws.

#### Leaving Early:

- Students may leave campus, before dismissal; if parents, guardians, or persons designated by parents/guardians (and are on the emergency card and over the age of 18) pick up students from school.
- Persons picking up students during the day must present a valid ID, be at least 18 years of age, noted on the emergency contact information, and sign the student(s) out in the office.

#### Tardy/Late Policy

School begins at 8:35 am.

- If the student arrives after the tardy bell, the student must check into the office before going into the classroom. The student will receive an excused/unexcused tardy slip and then will be directed to go to the classroom.
- A truant tardy will be marked when the student arrives 30 minutes or more after the school's start time, without a valid excuse.

#### Excused Absences

- When a student is absent, the Parent or Guardian needs to notify the school through a written note or phone call to the office within 72 hours of the absence.

Excused absences include illness, medical/dental appointments, court appearances (for students), religious observations, or death of an immediate family member.

#### Truancies

The following are considered truancies:

1. Being absent from school without the knowledge and consent of the parent/guardian/school.
2. Leaving the school grounds during the day without permission.
3. Staying out of class without permission.

### **(H) A Safe and Orderly School Environment Conducive to Learning (EC 35294.2)**

#### **Component:**

Positive School Climate

#### **Element:**

School Wide Positive Behavior Support

#### **Opportunity for Improvement:**

Students should follow the elements of the Pledge for Success/CHAMPS daily.

Objectives	Action Steps	Resources	Lead Person	Evaluation
The school uses a proactive and positive approach to the management of student behavior (PBIS) with clear expectations and structures in place in classrooms and common areas.	Daily community circles during opening; further discussion during community circle time; review of rules and expectations	Posters in classroom and common areas	Teachers, Paraprofessionals, School Counselor, Campus Assistants and Principal	Walk through observations, staff meeting debrief.
Parents shall be made aware of student behavior plans and expectations	Information shared with parents at Coffee With the Principal, ELAC, PTA, and School Site Council Meetings.	Space available for meeting	Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Campus Assistants and Principal	Parent awareness of expectations
Teachers and Classified staff shall be trained on PBIS and CHAMP Strategies	Teachers will be trained on the implementation of PBIS and CHAMPS strategies	Meeting time	Teachers, Paraprofessionals, School Counselor, Campus Assistants and Principal	Attendance, follow through of implementation. School-wide PBIS leadership team will conduct walk-through observations
Education Codes will be followed when implementing respectful and dignified student discipline.	Discipline from teacher/principal/designee	Referral forms, Q documentation	Teachers, Principal, Designee	Monitoring of student behavior

**Component:**  
Disaster Plan

**Element:**  
Safe School Environment

**Opportunity for Improvement:**  
Staff needs to review emergency drills, disaster plan (FEMA) and lockdown procedures.

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Lead Person</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>
Staff to become trained in FEMA	Video course to be taken by all staff	Website for video course	Principal and Emergency Team	Completion of course
Familiarize disaster plan and procedures with staff	Review of plan on ongoing basis	Plan with roles for disaster	Principal and Emergency Team	Staff and students will know what to do or who to follow during a disaster.
Familiarize staff and students with procedures for lock-down. Conduct lock-down drills once per trimester.	E-mail new procedures to staff; review at staff meeting; conduct lockdown drill	Oxnard Police Department Handout	Principal and Emergency Team	Staff and students will know what to do or who to follow during a lockdown
Staff will conduct monthly fire drills for evacuation	Review procedure with staff, conduct drills	Evacuation map, emergency backpacks, procedure sheet	Principal and Emergency Team	Completion and observation of drill procedure
Educate parents about school disaster plan so they will help students understand procedures	Information shared with parents at Coffee With the Principal, ELAC, PTA, and School Site Council Meetings.	Emergency Operations Plan	Principal and Emergency Team	Students and parents knowing what to do during a disaster.
Familiarize staff and students with earthquake procedures. Conduct earthquake drills once per trimester.	Review procedure with staff, conduct drills	Evacuation map, emergency backpacks, procedure sheets	Principal and Emergency Team	Staff and students will know what to do or who to follow during a earthquake.
Familiarize staff and students with Rules and Procedures for School Discipline.	Review ODR and district policies on an ongoing basis.	Trimester meetings and assemblies.	Principal or Principal Designee	Staff and students will be clear on Rules and Procedures
Familiarize staff and students with Hate Crime Reporting Procedures.	Review district policies with staff, students, and parents.	Trimester meetings and assemblies.	Principal	Staff and students will be clear on Rules and Procedures

**Component:**

School's Safe Physical Environment

**Element:**

School Safety

**Opportunity for Improvement:**

All school gates need to be closed during the school day, not allowing for openings into the parking lots.

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Lead Person</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>
All gates need to be closed and locked after entry into school or exit from school	Signs posted on the gates	Copies/Publications Campus Supervision Schedule for monitoring in the mornings	Principal/Teachers/Staff Members	Gates closed and locked throughout the day.
Reminding staff of procedures when they enter or leave campus, ensuring that gates are closed and locked behind them if they enter from a side gate.	Reminders in bulletin and via email or face to face with individuals.	Weekly bulletin	Principal	Gates closed and locked throughout the day.
Gates monitored by staff during delivery of food or supplies through back gate	Reminders to staff to close and lock the gates or have a staff member monitor gate during delivery so that students do not go out during the day.	Weekly bulletin reminder	Principal, staff members	Gates closed and locked throughout the day.
OPD is available on call for support.	Review procedures for calling OPD with staff.	Monthly Reminders in staff meeting	Principal	Procedures followed for calling OPD.

## **(I) School Discipline Rules and Consequences (EC 35291 and EC 35291.5)**

### **Sierra Linda Elementary Student Conduct Code**

Sierra Linda Elementary's mission, vision, values and goals include:

Vision:

Empowering All Children to Achieve Excellence

Mission:

"We encourage children to become creative, academically competent, responsible citizens within a safe and healthy environment where all individuals are nurtured and respected."

VALUES:

We can achieve our vision by ongoing reflection and collaboration regarding best instructional practices, using data, prioritizing time and money, engaging in professional development that is relevant to student achievement, implementing interventions for both academic and social/behavioral needs (Response to Intervention/Instruction) and engaging students by using technology as an integral part of instruction.

CORE VALUES:

We believe that all students and staff deserve a learning environment wherein, Equity--Integrity--Purpose--Perseverance--Compassion, are valued and nurtured.

### **STUDENT CONDUCT EXPECTATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

In order to promote positive and respectful behavior from our students, Sierra Linda has a school-wide plan that involves recognizing and encouraging responsible behavior. Students who follow classroom and school rules, behave safely, and treat themselves and others with respect are positively reinforced with praise and rewards. Students who violate district policy and state educational codes receive appropriate consequences and a telephone call to the parents.

The skills we teach are used to prevent inappropriate student conduct and promote responsible behavior. This plan is intended to support classroom rules and foster opportunities and ways for students to be rewarded. Thus, supporting character building wherein they learn to make safe, responsible, and appropriate choices. Staff and students have created expected behavior in all areas of school premises via "CHAMPS" components. In addition, our Guidelines For Success are posted around campus. Our school mascot is the EAGLE, we used those letters to create our guidelines as follows:

"As a Sierra Linda Eagle, I will...

Encourage Others  
Accept Responsibility  
Generate Positivity  
Learn from Mistakes  
Embrace Challenges  
Strive for Success"

We expect all parents to support students by:

- \*supporting the school's and district's behavior, homework, and dress code policies.
- \*ensure that their child completes homework and daily assignments.
- \*attend Back to School Night, parent conferences, and other school-related activities to support their child's academic and social-emotional growth.
- \*be available for communication regarding their child's academic and social progress.

Please see the attached Parent-Student Handbook for specific information on school rules, positive reinforcements, incentives, and consequences.

### **SCHOOL COMPACT**

Parent or Guardian:

I understand the importance of my child's education. Therefore, I agree to carry out the following responsibilities:

- Communicate with my child and his/her teachers regarding my child's education.
- Monitor my child's homework.

- Provide necessary materials and a quiet place for my child to do his/her homework.
- Send my child to school on time and ready to learn.
- Volunteer my time to attend or participate in school programs.
- Assure that my child adheres to the school dress code policy.

Student:

I understand the importance of school and learning. Therefore, I agree to carry out the following responsibilities:

- Communicate with my teachers and parents regarding my education.
- Complete and return all my homework and class assignments on time.
- Be responsible for my actions, be respectful to others, and play safely.
- Arrive at school on time, ready and prepared to learn.
- Read and practice Math-Facts at least 20 minutes each day.
- Be responsible for dressing according to the school dress code policy.

Teacher & Principal

I understand the importance of the school experience for every student and my role as an educator and parent liaison. Therefore, I agree to carry out the following responsibilities:

- Communicate with students and parents (guardians) regarding school expectations, program information, and each student's progress.
- Teach to the needs of each individual student encouraging academic and social growth.
- Provide a safe, positive, and healthy learning environment.
- Assign regular homework only after the necessary concepts have been taught.
- Promote and attend school programs and functions.
- Communicate to students, parents, and administration when the dress code and attendance policies are not being followed.

#### GENERAL

*Education Code 44807: Every teacher in the public schools shall hold Pupils to a strict account for their conduct on the way to and from school, on the playgrounds, or during recess. A teacher, vice principal, principal, or any other certificated employee of a school district, shall not be subject to criminal prosecution or criminal penalties for the exercise, during the performance of his duties, of the same degree of physical control over a pupil that a parent would be legally privileged to exercise but which in no event shall exceed the amount of physical control reasonably necessary to maintain order, protect property, or protect the health and safety of pupils, or to maintain proper and appropriate conditions conducive to learning.*

#### CONDUCT CODE PROCEDURES

The school rules and procedures were developed and adopted in accordance with California education code 35291.5. This document represents the collaborative efforts of teachers, parents and other school staff and administration. These rules and procedures are intended as guidelines for enhancing the instructional climate and personal safety. The school uses a proactive and positive approach to management of student behavior (CHAMPS) with clear expectations and structures in place in classrooms and common areas.

#### **(J) Hate Crime Reporting Procedures and Policies**

In order to create a safe learning environment for all students, the Board of Trustees desires to protect the right of every student to be free from hate-motivated behavior and will promote harmonious relationships among students to enable them to gain a true understanding of the civil rights and social responsibilities of people in society. The district prohibits discriminatory behavior or statements that degrade an individual based on his/her actual or perceived race, ethnicity, culture, heritage, gender, sex, sexual orientation, physical/mental attributes, or religious beliefs or practices.

Any student who believes he/she is a victim of hate-motivated behavior shall immediately contact the teacher and Principal. Upon receiving such a complaint, the Principal shall immediately investigate the complaint in accordance with school-level complaint process/grievance procedures as described in AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment. A student who has been found to have demonstrated hate-motivated behavior shall be subject to discipline in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. Students



are expected to respect all others while on school grounds or while participating in school activities. Any student engaging in hate-motivated behavior will be subject to the school discipline policies in accordance with the district policies and guidelines.

## **Safety Plan Review, Evaluation and Amendment Procedures**

A Safety Committee is created every school year. The purpose of the committee is to review the Safety Plan on a continual basis and make any necessary changes and adjustments to ensure the safety of students and staff members. The committee meets on a monthly basis to review and make any necessary recommendations and changes. All changes are brought to the attention of the entire staff and stakeholders at meetings. The plan is reviewed in January and February, and approved by the SSC, ELAC, and staff. The completed plan will be distributed school-wide by email and printed copies will be available for parent/community review at the front office. The safety plan will be reviewed bi-annually by all Sierra Linda staff. Evacuation maps are posted in every classroom and common areas of the campus.