

Liberty Union High School District

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Subject: Emergencies & Disaster Preparedness Plan

All district staff and students must be prepared to respond quickly and responsibly to emergencies, disasters, and events which threaten to result in a disaster.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a disaster preparedness plan which details provisions for handling all foreseeable emergencies and disasters. This plan shall be reviewed and updated at least annually.

Principals shall augment the district plan with working plans and procedures specific to each school building. All students and employees shall receive instruction regarding these plans.

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with city and/or county agencies so that district and site plans may provide the best possible way of handling each situation and also provide for emergency communications systems between these agencies and each district school.

District and site plans shall address at least the following situations:

1. Fire in a building.
2. Fire from an external source, such as a forest, brush or grass.
3. Civil defense, with procedures in the event of bombing or land attack.
4. Bomb threat or actual detonation.
5. Natural disasters, i.e., floods, heavy snows, blizzards, torrential rains, earthquakes, tornados.
6. Man-made disasters, i.e., smog, riots, airplane crashes, chemical accidents.
7. Attack or disturbance by criminal or insane individuals or groups.

Because earthquakes occur without warning, students shall be taught methods of protecting themselves in the event of such an emergency.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish an emergency procedure system to be followed in case of earthquakes. This system shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. A school building disaster plan, ready for implementation at any time, for maintaining the safety and care of students and staff. This plan should outline roles, responsibilities, and procedures for students and staff.
2. A DROP procedure.
3. Protective measures to be taken before, during, and after an earthquake.
4. A training program to ensure that all students and all certificated and classified staff are aware of, and properly skilled in, the earthquake emergency procedure system. (Education Code 35297)

The Superintendent or designee may provide a plan which allows bus seating capacity limits to be exceeded when a disaster or hazard requires students to be moved immediately to ensure their safety. (Education Code 39834)

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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 services it deems necessary to meet the community's needs. (Education Code 40041.5)

Legal Reference:

Education Code

32000-32004 Uniform fire signals (with requirement that every school building with capacity of fifty 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)

35295-35097 Earthquake emergency procedures

39834 Operating overloaded bus

40041.5 Mass care and welfare shelters

46390-46392 Emergency average daily attendance in case of disaster

Code of Regulations, Title 5

550 Fire Drills

560 Civil Defense and disaster preparedness plans

Government Code

3100 Public Employees as disaster service workers