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COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY PLAN

The Governing Board recognizes that students and staff have the right to a safe and secure campus where they are free from physical and psychological harm. The Board is fully committed to maximizing school safety and creating a positive learning environment that includes strategies for violence prevention and high expectations for student conduct, responsible behavior and respect for others.

The school site council at each district school shall develop a comprehensive school safety plan relevant to the needs and resources of that particular school. New school campuses shall develop a safety plan within one year of initiating operations. (Education Code 32281, 32286)

The school safety plan shall take into account the school's staffing, available resources, and building design, as well as other factors unique to the site.

The comprehensive safety plan(s) shall be reviewed and updated by March 1 of each year and forwarded to the Board for approval. (Education Code 32286, 32288)

The Board shall review the comprehensive safety plan(s) in order to ensure compliance with state law, Board policy, and administrative regulation and shall approve the plan(s) at a regularly scheduled meeting.

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

Tactical Response Plan

Notwithstanding the process described above, any portion of a comprehensive safety plan that addresses tactical responses to criminal incidents that may result in death or serious bodily injury at the school site, including steps to safeguard students and staff, secure affected school premises, and apprehend criminal perpetrator(s), shall be developed by district administrators in accordance with Education Code 32281. In developing such strategies, district administrators shall consult with law enforcement officials and with representative(s) of employee bargaining unit(s), if they choose to participate

When reviewing the tactical response plan, the Board may meet in closed session to confer with law enforcement officials and approve the tactical response plan, provided that any vote to approve the tactical response plan is announced in open session following the closed session. (Education Code 32281)

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Safety Plan(s) Access and Reporting

The Superintendent 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)

However, those portions of the comprehensive safety plan that include tactical responses to criminal incidents shall not be publicly disclosed.

The 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)

The Superintendent or designee shall also provide data to CDE pertaining to lockdown or multi-option response drills conducted at district schools in accordance with Education Code 32289.5. (Education Code 32289.5)

Legal Reference:

<u>State</u>	<u>Description</u>
5 CCR 11987-11987.7	School Community Violence Prevention Program requirements
5 CCR 11992-11993	Definition; persistently dangerous schools
CA Constitution Article 1, Section 28	Right to Safe Schools
Ed. Code 200-262.4	Prohibition of discrimination
Ed. Code 32260-32262	Interagency School Safety Demonstration Act of 1985
Ed. Code 32270	School safety cadre
Ed. Code 32280-32289.5	School safety plans
Ed. Code 32290	Safety devices
Ed. Code 35147	School site councils and advisory committees
Ed. Code 35183	School dress code; uniforms
Ed. Code 35266	Reporting of cyber attacks
Ed. Code 35291	Rules
Ed. Code 35291.5	School-adopted discipline rules
Ed. Code 41020	Requirement for annual audit
Ed. Code 48900-48927	Suspension and expulsion
Ed. Code 48950	Speech and other communication
Ed. Code 48980	Parent/Guardian notifications
Ed. Code 49079	Notification to teacher; student act constituting grounds for suspension or expulsion
Ed. Code 49390-49395	Homicide threats

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Legal Reference:

State

Ed. Code 67381
Gov. Code 11549.3
Gov. Code 54957
Pen. Code 11164-11174.3
Pen. Code 422.55
Pen. Code 626.8

Federal

20 USC 7111-7122
20 USC 7912
42 USC 12101-12213
6 USC 665k

Management Resources

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[Closed session meetings for threats to security](#)
[Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act](#)
[Definition of hate crime](#)
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Student support and academic enrichment grants
Transfers from persistently dangerous schools
Americans with Disabilities Act
Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-Based Practices

Description

Community Schools: Partnerships Supporting Students, Families and Communities, Policy Brief, October 2010
Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards, Policy Brief, rev. July 2010
Providing a Safe, Nondiscriminatory School Environment for Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students, Policy Brief, February 2014
Safe Schools: Strategies for Governing Boards to Ensure Student Success, 2011
[Legal Guidance on Rights of Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students in Schools, October 2022](#)
Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook, 2004

Practical Information on Crisis Planning: A Guide for Schools and Communities, January 2007
Threat Assessment in Schools: A Guide to Managing Threatening Situations and to Creating Safe School Climates, 2004
[California Military Department](#)
[California Department of Technology, Independent Security Assessment](#)
[U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Fusion Centers](#)
[California State Threat Assessment System](#)
[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)
[U.S. Secret Service, National Threat Assessment Center](#)
[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

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Management Resources

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Website	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Website	National Center for Crisis Management
Website	National School Safety Center
Website	California Department of Education, Safe Schools
Website	California Governor's Office of Emergency Services
Website	California Healthy Kids Survey
Website	U.S. Department of Education
Website	CSBA

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