Santa Barbara Unified School District
Board Policy

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives, and Comprehensive Plans

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 to creating a positive learning environment that includes strategies for violence prevention and high expectations for student conduct, responsible behavior, and respect for others.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)
(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)
(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)
(cf. 3515.7 - Firearms on School Grounds)
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)
(cf. 5131.41 - Use of Seclusion and Restraint)
(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

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)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

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.

In addition to the annual board approval of the comprehensive safety plan(s), the superintendent or their designee shall provide the school board with bi-annual reports on the status of the comprehensive school safety plan(s).

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.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

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 be taken to safeguard students and staff, secure the affected school premises, and apprehend the 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, provided that any vote to approve the tactical response plan is announced in open session following the closed session. (Education Code 32281)

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)
(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)

**Access to Safety Plan(s)**

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)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

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)

**Legal Reference:**

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422.55  Definition of hate crime
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11164-11174.3  Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION
Article 1, Section 28(c) Right to Safe Schools

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
11987  School Community Violence Prevention Program requirements
11992-11993  Definition, persistently dangerous schools

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7912  Transfers from persistently dangerous schools

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12001-12213  Americans with Disabilities Act

Management Resources:

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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, rev. 2011
Community Schools: Partnerships Supporting Students, Families and Communities, Policy Brief, October 2010
Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards, Policy Brief, July 2010

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Safe Schools: A Planning Guide for Action, 2002

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION PUBLICATIONS
Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook, 2004

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U.S. SECRET SERVICE AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

WEB SITES
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California Department of Education, Safe Schools: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services: http://www.caloes.ca.gov
California Healthy Kids Survey: http://chks.wested.org
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention
Federal Bureau of Investigation: http://www.fbi.gov
National Center for Crisis Management: http://www.schoolcrisisresponse.com
National School Safety Center: http://www.schoollsafety.us
U.S. Secret Service, National Threat Assessment Center: http://www.secretservice.gov/protection/ntac

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