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# **Comprehensive School Safety & Emergency Preparedness Plan**

## **2023-2024**

**August Boeger Middle School  
Ida Jew Academy- Valle Vista Elementary School  
Mt. Pleasant Elementary School- Ida Jew ALAS  
Robert Sanders Elementary School**

*Copy of Plan to be kept in School Office, School Library and posted on Website*

*Board Review February 8, 2023*

*Board Approval\_\_\_\_\_*

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The Mt. Pleasant School District Governing Board recognizes the importance of providing a safe school environment that is conducive to learning and helps ensure student safety and the prevention of student injury. The Superintendent or designee shall implement appropriate practices to minimize the risk of harm to students, including, but not limited to, practices relative to school facilities and equipment, the outdoor environment, educational programs, and school-sponsored activities.

The Safe School Plan was reviewed by a representative group, in consultation with law enforcement. Data used for the plan was obtained from annual suspension data, student and staff surveys including the California Health Kids Survey, attendance data and suspension data.

The following guideline may be utilized to support the annual review and evaluation of the individual school safety plan. The Comprehensive School Safety Plan will be reviewed and updated by March of each year. Annually, the District will report on the status of its safety plan including a description of its key elements in the annual school accountability report card.

Small school districts (with an enrollment of 2,500 students or less) may develop a comprehensive district safety plan to encompass all schools within the district, which would fulfill each individual school's comprehensive safety plan requirement. It is not required that small school districts have their safety plans developed or approved by site councils or designated safety committees; the plans must only be approved by the district board of trustees.

The guideline/checklist has been organized into two parts:

1. An assessment by the School Safety Planning Committee of the school climate in relation to the current status of school crime committed on campus and at school related functions. Based on this assessment, District safety goals will be set for the upcoming school year.
2. The annual review and evaluation of the school comprehensive safety plan which is revised by the members of the School Safety Planning Committee, before being presented to the Board of Trustees for final review and adoption. This review includes the following mandated components of EC 32280-32289.
  - Child Abuse Reporting procedures
  - Policies pursuant to Education Code 48915(c) and other school-designated serious acts which would lead to suspension, expulsion, or mandatory expulsion recommendations
  - Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment response policy and procedures
  - Procedures to notify teachers and counselors of dangerous students
  - Non-Discrimination/ Harassment Policy
  - Safe ingress and egress to and from school
  - Safety
  - Suicide Prevention and mental Health Promotion
  - Rules and procedures on school discipline in order to create a safe and orderly environment conducive to learning
  - Dress Code and Expectations

- Routine and emergency disaster procedures including natural disasters, human created disasters or power outages.
- Active Intruder Evacuation and Lockdown procedures
- Standardized Emergency Management (SEMS)
- Illness Prevention

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN**

**The written plan will be made available to all staff, students, parents, and the community to review in the main offices and on the MPESD and school website.**

## SAFE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Schools in the Mt. Pleasant School District have delegated the responsibility for developing a comprehensive safety plan to a School Planning Committee. *The school site safety committee shall be composed of the following members: the principal or designee, one teacher who is a representative of the recognized certificated employee organization; one parent/guardian whose child attends the school; one classified employee who is a representative of the recognized classified employee organization; other members if desired. (Ed Code 35294.1) Local law enforcement has been consulted (Ed. Code 39294,1)*

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The Committee met and reviewed the data below and revised the School Safety Plan goals and activities. The School Safety Plan was presented to the Governing Board during a public meeting. The following were notified in writing of the public meeting, Mayor, Certificated and Classified Union Organizations, Parent and Teacher Association. A copy of the approved plan will be provided to the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

**Dates Met- January 23, 2023 & January 30, 2023**

### Assessment of Current Status- Appendix A page

- School Climate Survey WestEd Spring 2022, Staff survey taken anonymously online
- California Healthy Kids Data WestEd- Spring 2022
- Annual Attendance Data 2021-22 Data Dashboard
- Parent Climate Survey- WestEd Spring 2022
- Suspensions California Dashboard
- <https://www.crimemapping.com/> website indicating crime incidents near a give address

## **MPESD School Safety Overview**

### **Safety is a focus at all MPESD School Sites**

- All teachers and staff members Elementary have access to pertinent information about safety and school procedures.
- Supportive and alert staff members consistently monitor classroom environments to maintain student safety.
- Our school district provides a thorough background check of all potential school district employees to help ensure a safe learning environment for all students.
- An emergency card is on file for each child in the health office. Teachers have a set of current disaster cards of their students for emergencies in the classroom emergency clipboard. Parents are encouraged to notify the school and classroom teacher when their contact information changes in order to maintain current records.
- Parents/Caretakers are encouraged to provide copies of any custody or restraining orders issued by the Court.
- Behavioral expectations are explicitly taught and behaviors are modeled. These include: assigned class line-up areas, painted traffic pattern lines, designated walking areas, designated student pick-up areas, playground and cafeteria expectations, and orderly group movement expectations.
- Each school discusses safety as part of their School Site Council and Principal meetings.

### **Adult supervision is provided throughout the school day:**

- Children and playground supervisors are instructed on the proper use of equipment at the start of each school year and after every lengthy break. During snack and lunchtime, students help maintain a clean eating environment by picking up after themselves. Administration conducts routine meetings with noon duty personnel to communicate safety and supervision concerns. All students leaving school campus at dismissal time, including school bus riders, are supervised.
- There is adequate playground supervision throughout the day.

### **Health Safety**

- A School Nurse is employed through a grant from El Camino Community Health. The nurse supports each school weekly and is involved in health screenings, staff training, and assisting in developing individual health plans when needed.
- Food Allergies and Medical Conditions - Each school that has identified students with nut allergies provides a designated nut-free table in the lunch area for students who wish to sit there, however, students with allergies are not required to sit at this table depending on the severity of their allergy and parent consult.
- Personnel receive annual training in proper use of emergency medication such as Epi-pens and glucagon, and added in 2022-23 staff will also receive training in administration Naloxone for emergency intervention in an opioid overdose/fentanyl.

- Personnel also have been trained in the emergency use of AEDs (automated external defibrillators) located at each school site.
- Personnel will immediately refer any student experiencing an allergic reaction to the health office.
- A list of student allergies, medications, and appropriate personnel to distribute these items will be sent with teachers on field trips.

### **Heat Advisories and Air Quality Alerts**

- In the event of a heat advisory or air quality alert, administration will monitor weather conditions and air quality and call for physical education, recess and lunch / recess to occur indoors, as necessary.
- Any students experiencing heat-related dehydration, cramps, or nose bleeding will be referred to the Health Office.

### **Before and After-School Programs:**

- Each school offers before and after school programming. Student enrollment is prioritized by student's meeting state identified criteria such as Foster Youth, Insecure Housing (Homeless) low socio-economic and English learners.

### **Character & Citizenship**

- Each school is implementing character & citizenship development and education through Crew EL Education and a district developed DEIB (Diversity, equity, Inclusion and Belonging) Toolkit and other site specific efforts such as Leader in Me.
- We have established three fundamental school wide rules: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. Teachers teach explicit expectations on what behavior looks like when discussing each of these rules in their classrooms during Classroom Meetings.

### **Site Discipline and Positive Behavioral Support:**

- School rules and consequences are based upon the three school rules: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. Students and parents are provided a copy of the school rules. The Code of Conduct is discussed with the students in an assembly at the beginning of each new school year. The staff is fair and consistent in enforcing the school rules, and all students have a sense of ownership in actively supporting the school rules.
- A school-wide discipline plan has been developed and is supported by all classrooms. This process is continually reviewed and refined by the school BEST Committee.
- Teachers communicate their classroom expectations to students and parents. Recognition of positive student behavior is an important part of the school year. Individual positive student behavior is rewarded with Gotcha Tickets and whole classes are recognized with Gotcha Slips.
- Consequences for violating behavioral academic expectations are fair and understood by students, parents, and staff. Infractions and consequences are



standardized using a School-wide Discipline Rubric. Disciplinary practices focus on the cause of the problems, not the symptoms.

### **Mental Health**

- Each school has a part-time Behavioral Health Counselor or Social Worker. These positions are funded under the LCAP and other categorical funding. The District is seeking to expand mental health supports through additional funding opportunities and grants.
- Counselors work with students referred to address behavioral health needs of students and to support a positive school climate.
- Counselors serve of site BEST Climate Committees
- Counselors provide threat assessments (suicide, danger) as needed and collaborate with outside mental health agencies.

### **The Physical Environment:**

- Fences around each school have been installed around the perimeter of each school.
- Visitors must enter the school through the school office when students are present.
- MPESD employees recognize that the school's physical environment involves more than just security technologies. A safe and caring physical environment not only ensures safety for all stakeholders, it also enables students and staff to work in an atmosphere that promotes the feeling of well-being.
- Physical conditions that could lead to accidental harm are corrected promptly
- The custodian is responsible for ongoing maintenance and inspection of school facilities, which includes checking for loose items, leaks, unsafe equipment, and plumbing problems. The custodian immediately removes or covers unsafe equipment until facilities personnel arrive. Gutters and storm drains are regularly checked during the rainy season. Daily inspections of playground areas and equipment are also done by the custodian.
- Repairs to lighting, electrical outlets, and/or other learning/safety-related equipment issues are reported immediately and prioritized and acted upon as soon as possible.

### **Comfortable Rooms / Adequate Lighting/ Air Quality**

- Classroom conditions provide an orderly learning environment, enhance the experience of learning, and promote positive interactions among students and staff. Classrooms are carpeted and have adequate storage for all materials needed for instruction.
- Air conditioning and heating equipment are installed to make the classroom environment more conducive to learning.
- Air Filters meet industry standards and are changed quarterly.

### **Closed Campus:**

- Students are not allowed to leave the campus during the school day unless accompanied and signed out (in the school office) by a legal guardian whose name appears on the student's emergency card.

### **Crisis Response Procedures:**

- The school staff has planned for emergencies. These emergencies include fire, earthquake, shelter in place, and lockdown. Teachers have been in-serviced, and in turn teach students safety procedures for all drills. The school office has a copy of the Risk Management Policies, Plans & Procedures binder that gives information and procedures for a major crisis. Included in this document are phone numbers, classroom procedures, and steps to take during a crisis. Each room has posted a copy of our school emergency procedures. The emergency procedures are reviewed each year. The staff has assigned roles on our Emergency Response Team. These roles are practiced throughout the year through fire drills, earthquake drills, and shelter in place drills.
- Classrooms are earthquake-ready.
- Emergency procedures are posted in each room in each MPESD facility.

### **Emergency Procedures for Students with Disabilities:**

- In preparation for evacuations, each school will make sure that there are accommodations appropriate for future students who are visually impaired or wheelchair bound students, so that they are not put at risk. They will follow routine and emergency procedures with assistance as necessary for them to exit safely.

### **Environmental Design:**

- The school plant includes seven main wings/buildings, one of which contains the cafeteria and the library, and another, the school office. A security system monitors the school after school hours and on the weekends. Each classroom is equipped with a telephone and a public address (P.A.) system allowing communication between administrators, the school office, and other teachers.

### **Graffiti Removal & Vandalism Repair:**

- The school grounds are checked daily for safety conditions that could lead to accidental harm or show signs of vandalism.
- The custodian promptly repairs the damage or notifies the appropriate district personnel for needed repairs and maintenance.
- LOCAL PD is notified if a crime report needs to be taken. School staff and the community may be notified based on the specific incident.

### **Security Procedures:**

- Signs are posted regarding school trespassing violations. Visitors and guests are required to register in the office and wear visitor badges. Our staff is encouraged to approach

people on campus not wearing badges and to refer them to the office. The secretary keeps an inventory of all school keys. The custodian inspects the door locks and reports problems immediately to the facilities department. All staff members with keys are trained to arm and disarm the security. Any problems with the security system are reported immediately.

- Any staff member can initiate a lockdown.
- An inter-school communication system exists that allows easy access to administrators and other teachers as necessary. Administration and office staff also communicate using walkie-talkies.

### **Hate Protocol**

- The district has an adopted protocol to respond to incidents of hate and bias. The document includes areas for prevention.

### **Threat Assessment**

- A Threat Assessment Team was trained in Fall 2022 using the Virginia Student Threat Assessment Guidelines recommended components of assessing threats made by students or other school community members. The Team consisted of a Counselor, School Psychologists, a middle School Principal and the Director of Student Support Services. Threat assessment resources were shared with all Principals and mental health support staff.

## Annual Safety Goals

### **Annual Safety Goals**

*The School Safety Planning Committee shall make an appropriate assessment of the current status school crime on campus and of appropriate strategies and programs that will provide or maintain a high level of school safety. (Ed. Code 35924.2)*

- **Continue Implementation of Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) (BEST)**
- **Decrease percentage of students who are chronically absent (10% or more of school year) from school**
- **Develop additional strategies to help students access counseling services and mental health supports**
- **Increase meaningful student participation**
- **Disseminate and implement District Guide for Responding to Hate**
- **Continue to develop a positive school climate**
- **Increase social - emotional wellness utilizing District initiatives:**
  - **Crew**
  - **DEIB toolkit**
  - **Mindfulness**
  - **Leader in Me**

**Reduce percentage of student reporting ethnic or racial conflict/ Increase student percentage of 3-8 graders reporting they feel "known" by their teacher**

**Increase efforts to support LGBTQ+ students through - professional development and increased resources for students**

<b>Safe School Climate Goal: 1</b>	<b>Our students and staff are actively engaged and achieve in an environment of mutual respect, personal accountability and a commitment to excellence.</b>			
Objectives	Action Steps	Resources	Project Lead	Outcomes
1) Provide students with behavioral support and accountability within a multi-tiered system of supports	Continue implementation of Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS/ BEST)  Increase Student Engagement  Increase Student access and awareness of mental health resources & supports  Implement mental health promotion policy	Staff training Time  Community agency partnerships  Annual Surveys	Principals  Director Student Support Services  Counselors	School site teams will continue to participate in BEST/PBIS training, and implement with fidelity  Increase student access to mental health resources  Reduce suspension rate  Decrease in students reporting mental health issues

<b>Safe School Climate Goal: 1</b>	<b>Our students and staff are actively engaged and achieve in an environment of mutual respect, personal accountability and a commitment to excellence.</b>			
Objectives	Action Steps	Resources	Project Lead	Outcomes
2) Increase student and parent engagement at school sites	Provide opportunities for meaningful engagement for students  School linked services for families  Parent workshops and opportunities for community involvement  Provide incentives for attendance & follow truancy procedures  Student & Parent Survey  Continue to implement Crew-relationship building  Parent Education programs	Staff  DEIB ToolKit  EL Education CREW  Parent and Student Focus Groups	Principals  Director, Student Support Services	Increase percentage of students reporting meaningful engagement  Decrease chronic absenteeism  Increase number of students receiving services from Family Case Managers  Number of Truancy letters and Student Attendance review Board (SARB) referrals  Increase student connectedness on CHKS and Crew surveys
3) Implement <b>and</b> enforce district policies to sustain a safe social climate	Review district board policies and strengthen as needed to sustain a safe social climate	CSBA model policies  Bullying prevention tools	Director Student Support Services  Principals	District policies updated and adopted by the Board

<b>Safe School Climate Goal: 1</b>	<b>Our students and staff are actively engaged and achieve in an environment of mutual respect, personal accountability and a commitment to excellence.</b>			
Objectives	Action Steps	Resources	Project Lead	Outcomes
4) Increase efforts to become more culturally responsive in the areas of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging for all members of our community	Disseminate & provide staff development on District Guide for Responding to Hate  Provide training on Response Guide to school administrators and staff  Hold a community Townhall  Hold Focus Groups to collect data  Implement Crew minimum 3 x weekly	Guide for Responding to Hate  Teaching Tolerance website  Circle Up Facilitation	Director Student Support Services	Implement Hate Response Protocol  Improvement in Survey data results

<b>Safe Physical Climate Goal : 2</b>	<b>Our schools are safe, clean and healthy facilities for all students and staff.</b>			
<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Project Lead</b>	<b>Outcomes</b>
1) Identify and address/secure critical facility vulnerabilities and hazards	Site walk through	District Resources	Principal/ Chief of Maintenance	Concerns will be reviewed and strategies will be developed to address
	Work Order system			
	Evaluate number of surveillance cameras at sites			
2) Identify and address traffic flow and pedestrian safety concerns	Evaluate need for fencing between IJA/AB			
	Evaluate need for shade structures			
3) Implement and practice crisis response plans	Placement of traffic supervisors, crossing guards	Consultant	Principal	Student safety to and from school
	Provide site staff and faculty training on crisis response procedures		Director Student support Services	Annual review and update of safety plan, to include evacuation maps, ICS facility locations and response teams
	Provide training on emergency medications		Director Student Support Services	
				Review of emergency response flip-charts for classrooms



## Policies and Procedures

*The School Safety Planning Committee has reviewed the District site safety plan and made necessary updates and revision. The safety plan must include the following components:*

1. Child Abuse reporting consistent with Penal Code 11164.  
Policy BP- 5141.4 -Reporting Child Abuse Prevention
2. Routine and Emergency Disaster Procedures that include:  
Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Plan & Fire Drills
  - a. Earthquake Emergency Procedure System
  - b. Adaptations for students with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
  - c. Procedure to allow the American Red Cross to use School Buildings
3. Policies pursuant to Educational Code 48915 and other school-designated serious acts which would lead to suspension, expulsion or mandatory expulsion recommendations.
4. Procedures to notify teachers and counselors (amended Welfare and Institutions Code 827) of dangerous students pursuant to Education Code 49079.
5. A policy consistent with the prohibition against discrimination, harassment, intimidation and bullying pursuant to Education Code 200-261.4. BP 5145.3
6. Dress Code provisions adopted to prevent students from wearing "gang-related" apparel pursuant to Education Code 35183. Policy BP 5145.3
7. Procedures for safe entrance and exit of students, parents/guardians/guardians and employees to and from the school
8. A Safe and Orderly School Environment Conducive to Learning  
Policy BP- Safety 5142
9. The rules and procedures on school discipline adopted pursuant to Education Code 35291 and 35291.5 (5411 Discipline) in order to create a safe and orderly environment conducive to learning at school.

**Plan may also include strategies for providing a safe environment such as:**

- Strategies to promote a positive school climate with respect for diversity, personal and social responsibility, crisis prevention and intervention,
- Threat Assessment Strategies to determine credibility and seriousness of a threat and provide appropriate interventions for the potential offender(s) including Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Promotion BP 5142.5
- Prevention of COVID- 19 as indicated by Center for Disease Control (CDC)

The Governing Board is committed to supporting the safety and well-being of district students and desires to facilitate the prevention of and response to child abuse and neglect. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies for preventing, recognizing, and promptly reporting known or suspected child abuse and neglect.

The Superintendent or designee may provide a student who is a victim of abuse with school-based mental health services or other support services and/or may refer the student to resources available within the community as needed.

***Child Abuse Prevention***

The district's instructional program may provide age-appropriate and culturally sensitive child abuse prevention curriculum which explains students' right to live free of abuse, includes instruction in the skills and techniques needed to identify unsafe situations and react appropriately and promptly, informs students of available support resources, and teaches students how to obtain help and disclose incidents of abuse.

The district's program also may include age-appropriate curriculum in sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention. Upon written request of a student's parent/guardian, the student shall be excused from taking such instruction. (Education Code 51900.6)

The Superintendent or designee may display posters, in areas on campus where students frequently congregate, notifying students of the appropriate telephone number to call to report child abuse or neglect. (Education Code 33133.5)

In addition, student identification cards for students in grades 7-12 shall include the National Domestic Violence Hotline telephone number. (Education Code 215.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall, to the extent feasible, seek to incorporate community resources into the district's child abuse prevention programs and may use these resources to provide parents/guardians with instruction in parenting skills and child abuse prevention.

***Child Abuse Reporting***

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the identification and reporting of known and suspected child abuse and neglect in accordance with law.

Procedures for reporting child abuse shall be included in the district and/or school comprehensive safety plan. (Education Code 32282)

District employees who are mandated reporters, as defined by law and administrative regulation, are obligated to report all known or suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training regarding the duties of mandated reporters as required by law and as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation.

Policy Adopted: 6/21

## **Definitions**

### **Child abuse or neglect includes the following: (Penal Code 11165.5, 11165.6)**

1. A physical injury or death inflicted by other than accidental means on a child by another person
2. Sexual abuse of a child, including sexual assault or sexual exploitation, as defined in Penal Code 11165.1
3. Neglect of a child as defined in Penal Code 11165.2
4. Willful harming or injuring of a child or the endangering of the person or health of a child as defined in Penal Code 11165.3
5. Unlawful corporal punishment or injury as defined in Penal Code 11165.4

### **Child abuse or neglect does not include:**

1. A mutual affray between minors (Penal Code 11165.6)
2. An injury caused by reasonable and necessary force used by a peace officer acting within the course and scope of employment (Penal Code 11165.5, 11165.6)
3. An injury resulting from the exercise by a teacher, vice principal, principal, or other certificated employee of the same degree of physical control over a student that a parent/guardian would be legally privileged to exercise, not exceeding the amount of physical control reasonably necessary to maintain order, protect property, protect the health and safety of students, or maintain proper and appropriate conditions conducive to learning (Education Code 44807)
4. An injury caused by a school employee's use of force that is reasonable and necessary to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to persons or damage to property, for purposes of self-defense, or to obtain weapons or other dangerous objects within the control of a student (Education Code 49001)
5. Physical pain or discomfort caused by athletic competition or other such recreational activity voluntarily engaged in by a student (Education Code 49001)
6. Homelessness or classification as an unaccompanied minor (Penal Code 11165.15)

Mandated reporters include, but are not limited to, teachers; instructional aides; teacher's aides or assistants; classified employees; certificated pupil personnel employees; administrative officers or supervisors of child attendance; athletic coaches, administrators, and directors; licensees, administrators, and employees of a licensed child day care facility; Head Start program teachers; district police or security officers; licensed nurses or health care providers; and administrators, presenters, and counselors of a child abuse prevention program. (Penal Code 11165.7)

Reasonable suspicion means that it is objectively reasonable for a person to entertain a suspicion,

## **Reportable Offenses**

A mandated reporter shall make a report using the procedures provided below whenever, acting in a professional capacity or within the scope of employment, the mandated reporter has knowledge of or observes a child whom the mandated reporter knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect. (Penal Code 11166)

Any mandated reporter who has knowledge of or who reasonably suspects that a child is suffering serious emotional damage or is at a substantial risk of suffering serious emotional damage, based on evidence of severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal, or untoward aggressive behavior toward self or others, may make a report to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11165.9, 11166.05, 11167)

Any district employee who reasonably believes to have observed the commission of a murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act by use of force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury against a victim who is a child under age 14 shall notify a peace officer. (Penal Code 152.3, 288)

### **Responsibility for Reporting**

The reporting duties of mandated reporters are individual and cannot be delegated to another person. (Penal Code 11166)

When two or more mandated reporters jointly have knowledge of a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect, the report may be made by a member of the team selected by mutual agreement and a single report may be made and signed by the selected member of the reporting team. Any member who has knowledge that the member designated to report has failed to do so shall thereafter make the report. (Penal Code 11166)

No supervisor or administrator shall impede or inhibit a mandated reporter from making a report. (Penal Code 11166)

Any person not identified as a mandated reporter who has knowledge of or observes a child whom the person knows or reasonably suspects has been a victim of child abuse or neglect may report the known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11166)

### **Reporting Procedures**

#### **1. Initial Telephone Report**

Immediately or as soon as practicable after knowing or observing suspected child abuse or neglect, a mandated reporter shall make an initial report by telephone to any police department (excluding a school district police/security department), sheriff's department, county probation department if designated by the county to receive such reports, or county welfare department. (Penal Code 11165.9, 11166)

Such reports shall be made to the following agency(ies):

<b>Child Protective Services (CPS)</b>	Phone: (408) 299-2071 Hotline <b>Santa Clara County 24 hour Hotline: 1-833-SCC-KIDS (833-722-5437)</b>	<a href="https://capc.sccgov.org/reportig-child-abuse">https://capc.sccgov.org/reportig-child-abuse</a>
<b>San Jose Police Department</b>	Imminent danger call 911	<a href="https://www.sjpd.org/reporting-crime/child-abuse">https://www.sjpd.org/reporting-crime/child-abuse</a>

#### **2. Written Report**

Within 36 hours of knowing or observing the information concerning the incident, the mandated reporter shall prepare and either send, fax, or electronically transmit to the

appropriate agency a written follow-up report, which includes a completed California Department of Justice (DOJ) form (BCIA 8572). (Penal Code 11166, 11168)

The DOJ form may be obtained from the district office or other appropriate agencies, such as the police department, sheriff's department, or county probation or welfare department.

Reports of suspected child abuse or neglect shall include, if known: (Penal Code 11167)

- a. The name, business address, and telephone number of the person making the report and the capacity that makes the person a mandated reporter
- b. The child's name and address, present location, and, where applicable, school, grade, and class
- c. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the child's parents/guardians
- d. The name, address, telephone number, and other relevant personal information about the person(s) who might have abused or neglected the child
- e. The information that gave rise to the reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect and the source(s) of that information

The mandated reporter shall make a report even if some of this information is not known or is uncertain to the mandated reporter. (Penal Code 11167)

The mandated reporter may give to an investigator from an agency investigating the case, including a licensing agency, any information relevant to an incident of child abuse or neglect or to a report made for serious emotional damage pursuant to Penal Code 11166.05. (Penal Code 11167)

### 3. Internal Reporting

The mandated reporter shall not be required to disclose the mandated reporter's identity to a supervisor, the principal, or the Superintendent or designee. (Penal Code 11166)

However, employees reporting child abuse or neglect to an appropriate agency are encouraged, but not required, to notify the principal as soon as possible after the initial telephone report to the appropriate agency. When so notified, the principal shall inform the Superintendent or designee.

The principal so notified shall provide the mandated reporter with any assistance necessary to ensure that reporting procedures are carried out in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. At the mandated reporter's request, the principal may assist in completing and filing the necessary forms.

Reporting the information to an employer, supervisor, principal, school counselor, co-worker, or other person shall not be a substitute for making a mandated report to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11166)

**Training**

Within the first six weeks of each school year, or within the first six weeks of employment if hired during the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall provide training on mandated reporting requirements to district employees and persons working on their behalf who are mandated reporters. (Education Code 44691; Penal Code 11165.7)

The Superintendent or designee shall use the online training module provided by the California known or reasonably suspected child abuse or neglect as required by law is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment and/or a fine as specified. (Education Code 44691; Penal Code 11165.7)

The Superintendent or designee shall obtain and retain proof of each mandated reporter's completion of the training. (Education Code 44691)

In addition, at least once every three years, school personnel may receive training in the prevention of child abuse, including sexual abuse, on school grounds, by school personnel, or in school-sponsored programs. (Education Code 44691)

**Victim Interviews by Social Services**

Whenever CDSS or another government agency is investigating suspected child abuse or neglect that occurred within the child's home or out-of-home care facility, the student may be interviewed by an agency representative during school hours, on school premises. The Superintendent or designee shall give the student the choice of being interviewed in private or in the presence of any adult school employee or volunteer aide selected by the student. (Penal Code 11174.3)

A staff member or volunteer aide selected by a child may decline to be present at the interview. If the selected person accepts, the principal or designee shall inform the person of the following requirements prior to the interview: (Penal Code 11174.3)

1. The purpose of the selected person's presence at the interview is to lend support to the child and enable the child to be as comfortable as possible.
2. The selected person shall not participate in the interview.
3. The selected person shall not discuss the facts or circumstances of the case with the child.
4. The selected person is subject to the confidentiality requirements of the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, a violation of which is punishable as specified in Penal Code 11167.5.

If a staff member agrees to be present, the interview shall be held at a time during school hours when it does not involve an expense to the school. (Penal Code 11174.3)

**Release of Child to Peace Officer**

When a child is released to a peace officer and taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse or neglect, the Superintendent or designee and/or principal shall not notify the parent/guardian, but rather shall provide the peace officer with the address and telephone number of the child's parent/guardian. (Education Code 48906)

**Parent/Guardian Complaints**

Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians with procedures for reporting suspected child abuse occurring at a school site to appropriate agencies. For parents/guardians whose primary language is not English, such procedures shall be in their primary language and, when communicating orally regarding those guidelines and/or procedures, an interpreter shall be provided.

To file a complaint against a district employee or other person suspected of child abuse or neglect at a school site, parents/guardians may file a report by telephone, in person, or in writing with any appropriate agency identified above under "Reporting Procedures." If a parent/guardian makes a complaint about an employee to any other employee, the employee receiving the information shall notify the parent/guardian of procedures for filing a complaint with the appropriate agency. The employee shall also file a report when obligated to do so pursuant to Penal Code 11166 using the procedures described

**Notifications**

The Superintendent or designee shall provide to all new employees who are mandated reporters a statement that informs them of their status as mandated reporters, their reporting obligations under Penal Code 11166, and their confidentiality rights under Penal Code 11167. The district also shall provide these new employees with a copy of Penal Code 11165.7, 11166, and 11167. (Penal Code 11165.7, 11166.5)

Before beginning employment, any person who will be a mandated reporter by virtue of the person's position shall sign a statement indicating knowledge of the reporting obligations under Penal Code 11166 and compliance with such provisions. The signed statement shall be retained by the Superintendent or designee. (Penal Code 11166.5)

Employees who work with dependent adults shall be notified of legal responsibilities and reporting procedures pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 15630-15637.

The Superintendent or designee also shall notify all employees that:

1. A mandated reporter who reports a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect shall not be held civilly or criminally liable for making a report and this immunity shall apply even if the mandated reporter acquired the knowledge or reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect outside of the mandated reporter's professional capacity or outside the scope of employment. Any other person making a report shall not incur civil or criminal liability unless it can be proven that the person knowingly made a false report or made a report with reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the report. (Penal Code 11172)
2. If a mandated reporter fails to timely report an incident of known or reasonably suspected child abuse or neglect, the mandated reporter may be guilty of a crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. (Penal Code 11166) No employee shall be subject to any sanction by the district for making a report unless it can be shown that the employee knowingly made a false report or made a report with reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the report. (Penal Code 11166, 11172)

## **STAFF NOTIFICATION OF DANGEROUS STUDENTS**

Staff are notified of students who may be considered dangerous through email and memos placed in the teacher's mailbox by the School Principal. This occurs as incidents occur, as students enroll in the District and annually at the beginning of the school year. In addition, a binder is kept at the middle school where teachers sign that they have been notified

Students who may be dangerous are identified as "dangerous" through prior history, including previous suspensions, behavior logs, or police and/or court identification.



The Governing Board recognizes the harmful effects of bullying on student well-being, student learning, and school attendance and desires to provide a safe school environment that protects students from physical and emotional harm. No individual or group shall, through physical, written, verbal, visual, or other means, harass, sexually harass, threaten, intimidate, cyberbully, cause bodily injury to, or commit hate violence against any student or school personnel, or retaliate against them for filing a complaint or participating in the complaint resolution process.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for addressing bullying in district schools with the involvement of students, parents/guardians, and staff. As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee may also collaborate with social services, mental health services, law enforcement, courts, and other agencies and community organizations in the development and implementation of effective strategies to promote safety in schools and the community.

Such strategies shall be incorporated into the comprehensive safety plan and, to the extent possible, into the local control and accountability plan and other applicable district and school plans.

Any complaint of bullying shall be investigated and, if determined to be discriminatory, resolved in accordance with law and the district's uniform complaint procedures specified in AR 1312.3. If, during the investigation, it is determined that a complaint is about nondiscriminatory bullying, the principal or designee shall inform the complainant and shall take all necessary actions to resolve the complaint.

If the Superintendent or designee believes it is in the best interest of a student who has been the victim of an act of bullying, as defined in Education Code 48900, the Superintendent or designee shall advise the student's parents/guardians that the student may transfer to another school. If the parents/guardians of a student who has been the victim of an act of bullying requests a transfer for the student pursuant to Education Code 46600, the Superintendent or designee shall allow the transfer in accordance with law and district policy on intra-district or inter-district transfer, as applicable.

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**Administrative regulation Examples of Prohibited Conduct. AR 5131.2**

Bullying is an aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived imbalance of power between individuals with the intent to cause emotional or physical harm. Bullying can be physical, verbal, or social/relational and may involve a single severe act or repetition or potential repetition of a deliberate act. Bullying includes, but is not limited to, any act described in Education Code 48900(r).

Cyberbullying includes the electronic creation or transmission of harassing communications, direct threats, or other harmful texts, sounds, or images. Cyberbullying also includes breaking into another person's electronic account or assuming that person's online identity in order to damage that person's reputation.

Examples of the types of conduct that may constitute bullying and are prohibited by the district include, but are not limited to:

1. Physical bullying: An act that inflicts harm upon a person's body or possessions, such as hitting, kicking, pinching, spitting, tripping, pushing, taking or breaking someone's possessions, or making cruel or rude hand gestures
2. Verbal bullying: An act that includes saying or writing hurtful things, such as teasing, name-calling, inappropriate sexual comments, taunting, or threats to cause harm
3. Social/relational bullying: An act that harms a person's reputation or relationships, such as leaving a person out of an activity on purpose, influencing others not to be friends with someone, spreading rumors, or embarrassing someone in public
4. Cyberbullying: An act such as sending demeaning or hateful text messages or emails, spreading rumors by email or by posting on social networking sites, or posting or sharing embarrassing photos, videos, web site, or fake profiles

### **Measures to Prevent Bullying**

The Superintendent or designee shall implement measures to prevent bullying in district schools, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Ensuring that each school establishes clear rules for student conduct and implements strategies to promote a positive, collaborative school climate
2. Providing information to students, through student handbooks, district and school web sites and social media, and other age-appropriate means, about district and school rules related to bullying, mechanisms available for reporting incidents or threats, and the consequences for engaging in bullying
3. Encouraging students to notify school staff when they are being bullied or when they suspect that another student is being bullied, and providing means by which students may report threats or incidents confidentially and anonymously
4. Conducting an assessment of bullying incidents at each school and, if necessary, increasing supervision and security in areas where bullying most often occurs, such as playgrounds, hallways, restrooms, and cafeterias
5. Annually notifying district employees that, pursuant to Education Code 234.1, any school staff who witnesses an act of bullying against a student has a responsibility to immediately intervene to stop the incident when it is safe to do so

### **Staff Development**

The Superintendent or designee shall annually make available to all certificated staff and to other employees who have regular interaction with students the California Department of Education (CDE) online training module on the dynamics of bullying and cyberbullying, including the identification of bullying and cyberbullying and the implementation of strategies to address bullying. (Education Code 32283.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to teachers and other school staff to raise their awareness about the legal obligation of the district and its employees to prevent discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying of district students. Such training shall be designed to provide staff with the skills to:

1. Discuss the diversity of the student body and school community, including their varying immigration experiences
2. Discuss bullying prevention strategies with students, and teach students to recognize the behavior and characteristics of bullying perpetrators and victims
3. Identify the signs of bullying or harassing behavior
4. Take immediate corrective action when bullying is observed
5. Report incidents to the appropriate authorities, including law enforcement in instances of criminal behavior

### **Information and Resources**

The Superintendent or designee shall post on the district's web site, in a prominent location and in a manner that is easily accessible to students and parents/guardians, information on bullying and harassment prevention which includes the following: (Education Code 234.6)

1. The district's policy on student suicide prevention, including a reference to the policy's age appropriateness for students in grades K-6
2. The definition of sex discrimination and harassment as described in Education Code 230, including the rights set forth in Education Code 221.8
3. Title IX information included on the district's web site pursuant to Education Code 221.61, and a link to the Title IX information included on CDE's web site pursuant to Education Code 221.6
4. District policies on student sexual harassment, prevention and response to hate violence, discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying, and cyberbullying
5. A section on social media bullying that includes all of the references described in Education Code 234.6 as possible forums for social media
6. A link to statewide resources, including community-based organizations, compiled by CDE pursuant to Education Code 234.5.
7. Any additional information the Superintendent or designee deems important for preventing bullying and harassment

### **Student Instruction**

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

Students should be taught the difference between appropriate and inappropriate behaviors, how to advocate for themselves, how to help another student who is being bullied, and when to seek assistance from a trusted adult. As role models for students, staff shall be expected to demonstrate effective problem-solving and anger management skills.

To discourage cyberbullying, teachers may advise students to be cautious about sharing passwords, personal data, or private photos online and to consider the consequences of making negative comments about others online.

### **Reporting and Filing of Complaints**

When a report of bullying is submitted, the principal or a district compliance officer shall inform the student or parent/guardian of the right to file a formal written complaint in accordance with AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. The student who is the alleged victim of the bullying shall be given an opportunity to describe the incident, identify witnesses who may have relevant information, and provide other evidence of bullying.

Within one business day of receiving such a report, a staff member shall notify the principal of the report, whether or not a uniform complaint is filed. In addition, any school employee who observes an incident of bullying involving a student shall, within one business day, report such observation to the principal or a district compliance officer, whether or not the alleged victim files a complaint.

Within two business days of receiving a report of bullying, the principal shall notify the district compliance officer identified in AR 1312.3.

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 Superintendent or designee may file a request with the networking site or service to suspend the privileges of the student and to have the material removed.

### **Discipline/Corrective Actions**

Corrective actions for a student who commits an act of bullying of any type may include counseling, behavioral intervention and education, and, if the behavior is severe or pervasive as defined in Education Code 48900, may include suspension or expulsion in accordance with district policies and regulations.

When appropriate based on the severity or pervasiveness of the bullying, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parents/guardians of victims and perpetrators and may contact law enforcement.

### **Support Services**

The Superintendent, principal, or principal's designee may refer a victim, witness, perpetrator, or other student affected by an act of bullying to a school counselor, school psychologist, social worker, child welfare attendance personnel, school nurse, or other school support service personnel for case management, counseling, and/or participation in a restorative justice program as appropriate. (Education Code 48900.9)

If any student involved in bullying exhibits warning signs of suicidal thought or intention or of intent to harm another person, the Superintendent or designee shall, as appropriate, implement district intervention protocols which may include, but are not limited to, referral to district or community mental health services, other health professionals, and/or law enforcement.

### ***Behavior Prevention, Intervention and Discipline Plan***

The Mt. Pleasant School District believes that all students have a right to a safe and healthy school environment. The district, schools, and community have an obligation to promote mutual respect, tolerance, and acceptance.

The Mt. Pleasant School District Staff will not tolerate behavior that infringes on the safety of any student. A student shall not intimidate or harass another student through words or actions. Such behavior includes direct physical contact, such as hitting or shoving; verbal assaults, such as teasing or name-calling; and social isolation exclusion or manipulation.

The Mt. Pleasant School District expects students and/or staff to immediately address and report incidents of bullying to the principal or designee. Staff members are expected to immediately intervene when they see a bullying incident occur or are made aware of such an incident. Each complaint of bullying should be promptly investigated according to site procedures. This policy applies to students on school grounds, while they are traveling to and from school or a school-sponsored activity. This policy also applies to incidents of cyberbullying.

To ensure bullying does not occur on school campuses, the Mt. Pleasant School District will provide staff development training in prevention of bullying and help cultivate acceptance and understanding in all students and staff to develop each school's ability to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment.

The Mt. Pleasant School District teachers will discuss this policy with students in ways appropriate to their ages. Teachers will assure all students that they need not endure any form of bullying or harassment and should not be either victims or bystanders to bullying. Students who bully others are in violation of this policy and are subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

Each school will adopt a Student Code of Conduct to be followed by every student while on school grounds, or when traveling to and from school or a school-sponsored activity, and during lunch period, whether on or off campus.

The Student Code of Conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Any student who engages in bullying may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.
- Students are expected to immediately report incidents of bullying to the principal or designee.
- Students can rely on staff to promptly investigate each complaint of bullying in a thorough and confidential manner.
- If the complainant student or the parent of the student feels that appropriate resolution of the investigation or complaint has not been reached, the student or the parent of the student should contact the principal or the Office of Student Services.

The school system prohibits retaliatory behavior against any complainant or any participant in the complaint process.

The procedures for intervening in bullying behavior include, but are not limited, to the following:

- All staff, students and their parents will receive a summary of this policy prohibiting bullying: at the beginning of the school year, as part of the District handbook. and/or information packet
- The school will make reasonable efforts to keep a report of bullying and the results of investigation confidential.
- Staff are expected to immediately intervene when they see a bullying incident occur.
- People witnessing or experiencing bullying are encouraged to report the incident; such reporting will not reflect on the victim or witnesses in any way.

### ***Procedures for Investigating and Responding to Bullying Incidents***

#### **Reporting**

The Site Principal shall establish and publicize to students, staff, and community how to report incidents of bullying and actions that may be taken.

The process for receiving and investigating instances of bullying of any kind, as defined within this policy, includes complaints of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived characteristics.

School personnel who witness such acts of bullying as defined within this policy shall take immediate steps to intervene when safe to do so. Complaints of bullying shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with site-level compliant procedures.

Reporting any act of bullying:

1. The principal/designee is responsible for receiving oral or written complaints alleging bullying or harassment.
2. Students may report complaints of bullying to any school employee. Any such reports of bullying allegations must be forwarded, in writing, to the principal/designee.
3. Any member of the school community who may have credible information about an act of bullying that may have taken place may file a report of bullying either as a witness or a victim.
4. Any student (or a parent or guardian on behalf of the complainant who is a minor) who believes he/she is a victim of bullying, has witnessed an act of bullying, or has knowledge of any incidents involving acts of bullying are strongly encouraged to report the incidents to a school official.

5. The Principal/designee(s) shall document in writing all complaints regarding bullying to ensure that incidents of bullying, or any other infractions, are appropriately addressed in a timely manner, whether the original report of bullying is made verbally or in writing.

1. Anonymous reports of bullying may be made to the appropriate school official. School officials should develop and publicize a system in which students, employees, volunteers, parents/guardians can make an anonymous report of bullying.

### **Investigation of Complaints**

The principal/designee and/or Investigative Designee shall document all complaints in writing and/or through the appropriate data system to ensure that problems are addressed in a timely manner. This process is to be followed with all anonymous complaints as well. School officials should investigate all complaints and reports of harassment, whether or not the complaint is in writing.

The principal/designee has been trained in conducting comprehensive investigations.

The principal/designee or appropriate administrator shall begin a thorough investigation with the alleged victim and accused within two (2) school days of receiving a notification of complaint. The school administrators/designees will provide immediate notification to the parents of both the victim and the alleged perpetrator of an act of bullying or harassment upon completion of the investigation. Any act of suspected disability-based harassment or bullying will also be reported to the Director of Student Support Services.

1. During the investigation, the principal/designee or appropriate administrator may take any action necessary to protect the complainant, alleged victim, other students or employees consistent with district policy and procedures.
2. Documented interviews of the alleged victim, alleged perpetrator, and witnesses are conducted privately, separately, and are confidential. Each individual (victim, alleged perpetrator, and witnesses) will be interviewed separately and at no time will the alleged perpetrator and victim be interviewed together.
3. Interviews will be conducted objectively with the student and witnesses' safety in mind.
4. In general, student complainants and/or alleged victims will continue attendance at the same school and pursue their studies as directed while the investigation is conducted and the complaint is pending resolution. Any legal order of a court will prevail.
5. When necessary to carry out the investigation or for other good reasons, and consistent with federal and state privacy laws, the principal/designee or appropriate administrator also may discuss the complaint with any school district employee, the parent of the alleged victim, the parent of the complainant or accused, and/or child protective agencies responsible for investigating child abuse.
6. Within ten (10) school days of the notification as to the filing of the complaint, there shall be a written decision by the Principal/Designee or appropriate administrator regarding the completion and determination of the investigation. The principal/designee shall make a decision about the validity of the allegations in the complaint and about any corrective action.

7. The Principal/Designee or appropriate administrator will inform all relevant parties of the outcome of the investigation. A written copy of findings of the investigation and any applicable discipline will be placed in the student's cumulative file and noted in all relevant data tracking systems.

No retaliation of any kind is permitted in connection with an individual's having made a bullying complaint and if it occurs, it shall be deemed an additional act of bullying subject to further discipline.

### **Informal Resolution**

The administrator, along with the alleged victim and the accused/student, may agree to informally resolve the complaint. Documented interviews of the victim, alleged perpetrator, and witnesses are conducted privately and are confidential. Each individual (victim, alleged perpetrator and witnesses) will be interviewed separately, and at no time will the alleged perpetrator and victim be interviewed together.

### **Formal Resolution**

Based on the level of infraction, parents will be promptly notified of any actions being taken to protect the victim via written notice, telephone or personal conference; the frequency of notification will depend on the seriousness of the bullying incident.

The resolution, all interviews and interventions that take place and the corresponding dates shall be documented in writing and/or noted in a specified data system.

### **External Investigation**

If the act is outside the scope of the District and determined a criminal act, referral to appropriate law enforcement shall be made immediately, the parent will be notified, and the referral documented by the principal/designee in the specified format.



This policy shall apply to all acts constituting unlawful discrimination or harassment related to school activity or to school attendance occurring within a district school, and to acts which occur off campus or outside of school-related or school-sponsored activities but which may have an impact or create a hostile environment at school.

The Governing Board desires to provide a safe school environment that allows all students equal access to and opportunities in the district's academic, extracurricular, and other educational support programs, services, and activities. The Board prohibits, at any district school or school activity, unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying, targeted at any student by anyone, based on the student's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, medical condition, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

Unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, may result from physical, verbal, nonverbal, or written conduct based on any of the categories listed above. Unlawful discrimination also occurs when prohibited conduct is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it affects a student's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity; creates an intimidating, threatening, hostile, or offensive educational environment; has the effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with a student's academic performance; or otherwise adversely affects a student's educational opportunities.

Unlawful discrimination also includes disparate treatment of students based on one of the categories above with respect to the provision of opportunities to participate in school programs or activities or the provision or receipt of educational benefits or services.

The Board also prohibits any form of retaliation against any individual who reports or participates in the reporting of unlawful discrimination, files or participates in the filing of a complaint, or investigates or participates in the investigation of a complaint or report alleging unlawful discrimination. Retaliation complaints shall be investigated and resolved in the same manner as a discrimination complaint.

The Superintendent or designee shall facilitate students' access to the educational program by publicizing the district's nondiscrimination policy and related complaint procedures to students, parents/guardians, and employees. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall post the district's policies prohibiting discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying and other required information on the district's web site in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students, in accordance with law and the accompanying administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training and/or information on the scope and use of the policy and complaint procedures and take other measures designed to increase the school community's understanding of the requirements of law related to discrimination. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly review the implementation of the district's nondiscrimination policies and practices and, as necessary, shall take action to remove any identified barrier to student access to or participation in the district's educational program. The Superintendent or designee shall report the findings and recommendations to the Board after each review.

Regardless of whether a complainant complies with the writing, timeline, and/or other formal filing requirements, all complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, shall be investigated and prompt action taken to stop the discrimination, prevent recurrence, and address any continuing effect on students.

Students who engage in unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, in violation of law, Board policy, or administrative regulation shall be subject to appropriate consequence or discipline, which may include suspension or expulsion when the behavior is severe or pervasive as defined in Education Code 48900.4. Any employee who permits or engages in prohibited discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

### **Record-Keeping**

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of all reported cases of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, to enable the district to monitor, address, and prevent repetitive prohibited behavior in district schools. This record will be shared with the Governing Board annually.

The Governing Board is committed to maintaining a safe school environment that is free from harassment and discrimination. The Board prohibits, at school or at school-sponsored or school-related activities, sexual harassment targeted at any student by anyone. The Board also prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against any person who reports, files a complaint or testifies about, or otherwise supports a complainant in alleging sexual harassment.

The district strongly encourages students who feel that they are being or have been sexually harassed on school grounds or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity by another student or an adult, or who have experienced off-campus sexual harassment that has a continuing effect on campus, to immediately contact their teacher, the principal, the district's Title IX Coordinator, or any other available school employee. Any employee who receives a report or observes an incident of sexual harassment shall notify the Title IX Coordinator.

Once notified, the Title IX Coordinator shall ensure the complaint is addressed through Title IX complaint procedures or uniform complaint procedures, as applicable, and shall offer supportive measures to the complainant.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform students and parents/guardians of the district's sexual harassment policy by disseminating it through parent/guardian notifications, publishing it on the district's web site, posting it at school sites and including it in student and staff handbooks. All district staff shall be trained regarding the policy.

### **Instruction/Information**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district students receive age- appropriate information on sexual harassment. Such instruction and information shall include:

What acts and behavior constitute sexual harassment, including the fact that sexual harassment could occur between people of the same sex and could involve sexual violence

A clear message that students do not have to endure sexual harassment under any circumstance

Encouragement to report observed incidents of sexual harassment even when the alleged victim of the harassment has not complained

A clear message that student safety is the district's primary concern, and that any separate rule violation involving an alleged victim or any other person reporting a sexual harassment incident will be addressed separately and will not affect the manner in which the sexual harassment complaint will be received, investigated, or resolved

A clear message that, regardless of a complainant's noncompliance with the writing, timeline, or other formal filing requirements, every sexual harassment allegation that involves a student, whether as the complainant, respondent, or victim of the harassment, shall be investigated and action shall be taken to respond to harassment, prevent recurrence, and address any continuing effect on students

Information about the district's procedures for investigating complaints and the person(s) to whom a report of sexual harassment should be made

Information about the rights of students and parents/guardians to file a civil or criminal complaint, as applicable, including the right to file a civil or criminal complaint while the district investigation of a sexual harassment complaint continues

A clear message that, when needed, the district will implement supportive measures to ensure a safe school environment for a student who is the complainant or victim of sexual harassment and/or other students during an investigation

### **Disciplinary Actions**

Upon completion of an investigation of a sexual harassment complaint, any student found to have engaged in sexual harassment or sexual violence in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action. For students in grades 4-12, disciplinary action may include suspension and/or expulsion, provided that, in imposing such discipline, the entire circumstances of the incident(s) shall be taken into account.

Upon investigation of a sexual harassment complaint, any employee found to have engaged in sexual harassment or sexual violence toward any student shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, in accordance with law and the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

### **Record-Keeping**

In accordance with law, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of all reported cases of sexual harassment to enable the district to monitor, address, and prevent repetitive harassing behavior in district schools.

## **Mt. Pleasant School District Board Policy Hate Motivated Behavior**

**BP 5145.9**

The Governing Board is committed to providing a safe learning environment that protects students from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying, and other behavior motivated by a person's hostility towards another person's real or perceived ethnicity, national origin, immigrant status, sex, gender, sexual orientation, religious belief, age, disability, or any other physical or cultural characteristic. The Superintendent or designee shall design strategies to promote harmonious relationships among students, prevent incidents of hate-motivated behavior to the extent possible, and address such incidents if they occur. The Superintendent shall notify the Governing Board when a hate crime has occurred within the District or at a District sponsored activity.

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with regional programs and community organizations to promote safe environments for youth. Such collaborative efforts shall focus on ensuring an efficient use of district and community resources, developing effective prevention strategies and response plans, providing assistance to students affected by hate-motivated behavior, and/or educating students who have perpetrated hate-motivated acts.

The district shall provide students with age-appropriate instruction that includes the development of social-emotional learning, promotes their understanding of and respect for human rights, diversity, and acceptance in a multicultural society, and provides strategies to manage conflicts constructively.

As necessary, the district shall provide counseling, guidance, and support to students who are victims of hate-motivated behavior and to students who exhibit such behavior.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the rules prohibiting hate-motivated behavior and procedures for reporting a hate-motivated incident are provided to students and parents/guardians.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide staff with training on recognizing and preventing hate-motivated behavior and on effectively enforcing rules for appropriate student conduct.

### **Complaint Process**

A student or parent/guardian who believes the student is a victim of hate-motivated behavior is strongly encouraged to report the incident to a teacher, the principal, or other staff member.

Any staff member who is notified that hate-motivated behavior has occurred, observes such behavior, or otherwise becomes aware of an incident shall immediately contact the principal or the compliance officer responsible for coordinating the district's response to complaints and complying with state and federal civil rights laws. As appropriate, he/she shall also contact law enforcement.

Any complaint of hate-motivated behavior shall be investigated and, if determined to be discriminatory, shall be resolved in accordance with law and the district's uniform complaint procedures specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. If, during the investigation, it is determined that a complaint is about nondiscriminatory behavior, the principal or designee shall inform the complainant and shall take all necessary actions to resolve the complaint.

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**The District had developed a “Responding to Hate Protocol” to respond to incidents of hate and bias.**

**UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES ARE INCLUDED IN THE DISTRICT HANDBOOK, POSTED ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE AND IN EACH SCHOOL OFFICE AND STAFF ROOM**

### **Staff Training**

Staff handbook distributed to each staff member as well as complaint policy attached to payroll statement annually.

## ***Procedures for Safe Ingress and Egress***

Beyond planning for daily ingress/egress routes and emergency evacuation routes, schools must plan for assisting students, staff and visitors with disabilities. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, individuals who are deaf/hard of hearing, blind/partially sighted, mobility impaired and/or cognitively/emotionally impaired must be assisted.

### **A. Each school site includes plans for:**

- Students with disabilities including physical disabilities
- Displaying proper signage and equipment
- Coordinating with emergency response personnel

### **B. Planning**

Schools have identified the location of potential evacuation sites based on the potential circumstances that may cause movement/relocation of the school population in the event of an emergency.

### **Visitors on Campus**

All visitors on campus are required to sign in at the office and wear a badge identifying him or her as a visitor while on campus. Signs are posted at all school sites.

#### *On-Campus Evacuation/Assembly Location*

Staff have reviewed the site layout and determined where the safest outdoor and indoor location is on campus to assemble students and staff.

#### *Off-Campus Evacuation/Assembly Location*

#### ***Each site has established an off-site location for assembling students***

##### ***Prior to an event:***

- a. Identify off-campus evacuation site(s).
- b. Establish a memorandum of agreement with the evacuation site(s).

#### **Safe Egress**

The City of San Jose provides crossing Guards in high traffic areas. The Mt. Pleasant School District provides additional crossing guards in areas identified internally as high traffic areas. Each school participates in the "Walk to School" program, identifying safe walking routes for students and weekly "Walk to School Wednesday" encouraging students to walk safely to school. Traffic needs are reviewed annually by the District.

#### **C. Staff Training**

Staff is informed of changes annually through direct training, the District Handbook, site memos and email.

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of providing a safe school environment that is conducive to learning and promotes student safety and well-being. Appropriate measures shall be implemented to minimize the risk of harm to students, including, but not limited to, protocols for maintaining safe conditions on school grounds, promoting safe use of school facilities and equipment, and guiding student participation in educational programs and school-sponsored activities.

School staff shall be responsible for the proper supervision of students at all times when students are subject to district rules, including, but not limited to, during school hours, school-sponsored activities, before and after-school programs, morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, and while students are using district transportation.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students receive appropriate instruction on topics related to safety and emergency procedures, as well as injury and disease prevention.

To assist students in safely crossing streets adjacent to or near school sites, the Board may employ crossing guards and/or establish a student safety patrol at any district school. The Superintendent or designee shall periodically examine traffic patterns within school attendance areas in order to identify locations where crossing assistance may be needed.

Student identification cards of students in grades 7-12 shall have printed on them safety information, including the following: (Education Code 215.5, 217)

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline telephone number and, at the district's discretion, the Crisis Text Line and/or a local suicide prevention hotline telephone number.

Adopted 3/21

The Governing Board recognizes that suicide is a leading cause of death among youth, prevention is a collective effort that requires stakeholder engagement, and school personnel who regularly interact with students are often in a position to recognize the warning signs of suicide and to offer appropriate referral and/or assistance. In an effort to reduce suicidal behavior, its impact on students and families, and other trauma associated with suicide, the Superintendent or designee shall develop measures, strategies, practices, and supports for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention.

In developing policy and procedures for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with school and community stakeholders, school-employed mental health professionals, suicide prevention experts, and, in developing policy for grades K-6, the county mental health plan. (Education Code 215)

School and community stakeholders and school mental health professionals with whom the Superintendent or designee shall consult may include district and school administrators, school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, school nurses, other staff, parents/guardians and caregivers, students, local health agencies, mental health professionals, community organizations, law enforcement, legal counsel, and/or the district's risk manager or insurance carrier. The Superintendent or designee may also collaborate with county and/or city governments in an effort to align district policy with any existing community suicide prevention plans.

Measures and strategies for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Staff development on suicide awareness and prevention for teachers, interns, school counselors, and others who interact with students, including, as appropriate, substitute teachers, coaches, expanded day learning staff, crossing guards, tutors, and volunteers
2. Instruction to students in problem-solving, coping, and resiliency skills to promote students' mental, emotional, and social health and well-being, as well as instruction in recognizing and appropriately responding to warning signs of suicidal intent in others
3. Methods for promoting a positive school climate that enhances students' feelings of connectedness with the school and that is characterized by caring staff and harmonious interrelationships among students
4. The review of materials and resources used in awareness efforts and communications to ensure they align with best practices for safe and effective messaging about suicide
5. The provision of information to parents/guardians and caregivers regarding risk



and protective factors, warning signs of suicide, the severity of the suicide problem among youth, the district's suicide prevention curriculum, the district's suicide prevention policy and procedures, basic steps for helping suicidal youth, the importance of communicating with appropriate staff if suicide risk is present or suspected, access to suicide prevention training, and/or school and community resources that can help youth in crisis

7. Crisis intervention procedures for addressing suicide threats or attempts
8. Counseling and other postvention strategies for helping students, staff, and others cope in the aftermath of a student's suicide
9. Establishment of district and/or school-site crisis intervention team(s) to ensure the proper implementation and review of this policy and other district practices related to the emotional and behavioral wellness of students, including, but not limited to, the oversight of mental health and suicide prevention training, collaboration with community mental health organizations, identification of resources and organizations that provide evidence-based treatment, collaboration to build community response, and compliance with Education Code 215

As appropriate, these measures and strategies shall specifically address the needs of students who are at high risk of suicide, including, but not limited to, students who are bereaved by suicide; students with disabilities, mental illness, or substance use disorders; students who are experiencing homelessness or who are in out-of-home settings such as foster care; and students who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning. (Education Code 215)

The Board shall ensure that measures and strategies for students in grades K-6 are age appropriate and delivered and discussed in a manner that is sensitive to the needs of young students. (Education Code 215)

If a referral is made for mental health or related services for a student in grade K-6 who is a Medi-Cal beneficiary, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate and consult with the county mental health plan. (Education Code 215)

District employees shall act only within the authorization and scope of their credential or license. Nothing in this policy shall be construed as authorizing or encouraging district employees to diagnose or treat mental illness unless they are specifically licensed and employed to do so. (Education Code 215)

The Board shall review, and update as necessary, this policy at least every five years. The Board may, at its discretion, review the policy more frequently. (Education Code 215)

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically review district data pertaining to school climate and reports of suicidal ideation, attempts, or death to identify patterns or trends and make recommendations regarding program development.

The Superintendent or designee shall post this policy on the district's web site, in a prominent location and in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students. (Education Code 234.6)

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION**

### **Staff Development**

Suicide prevention training shall be provided to teachers, interns, counselors, and others who interact with students, including, as appropriate, substitute teachers, coaches, expanded day learning staff, crossing guards, tutors, and volunteers. The training shall be offered under the direction of a district counselor, psychologist, and/or social worker who has received advanced training specific to suicide and who may collaborate with one or more county or community mental health agencies.

Materials for training shall include how to identify appropriate mental health services at the school site and within the community, and when and how to refer youth and their families to those

services. Materials also may include programs that can be completed through self-review of suitable suicide prevention materials. (Education Code 215)

Additionally, staff development shall include research and information related to the following topics:

1. The higher risk of suicide among certain groups, including, but not limited to, students who are impacted by suicide; students with disabilities, mental illness, or substance use disorders; students who are experiencing homelessness or who are in out-of-home settings such as foster care; and students who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning
2. Individual risk factors such as previous suicide attempt(s) or self-harm, history of depression or mental illness, family history of suicide or violence, feelings of isolation, interpersonal conflicts, a recent severe or traumatic stressor or loss, family instability, impulsivity, and other factors
3. Identification of students who may be at risk of suicide, including, but not limited to, warning signs that may indicate depression, emotional distress, or suicidal intentions, such as changes in students' personality or behavior and verbalizations of hopelessness or suicidal intent
4. Protective factors that may help to decrease a student's suicide risk, such as resiliency, problem-solving ability, access to mental health care, and positive connections to family, peers, school, and community
5. Instructional strategies for teaching the suicide prevention curriculum, promoting mental and emotional health, reducing the stigma associated with mental illness, and using safe and effective messaging about suicide
6. The importance of early prevention and intervention in reducing the risk of suicide
7. School and community resources and services, including resources and services that meet the specific needs of high-risk groups

8. Appropriate ways to interact with a student who is demonstrating emotional distress or is suicidal and procedures for intervening when a student attempts, threatens, or discloses the desire to die by suicide, including, but not limited to, appropriate protocols for constant monitoring and supervision of the student, during the time the student is in the school's physical custody, while the immediate referral of the student to medical or mental health services is being processed

The district may provide additional professional development in suicide risk assessment and crisis intervention to district mental health professionals, including, but not limited to, school counselors, psychologists, social workers, and nurses.

### ***Instruction***

The district's comprehensive health education program shall promote the healthy mental, emotional, and social development of students and shall be aligned with the state content standards and curriculum framework. Suicide prevention instruction shall be incorporated into the health education curriculum in an age and developmentally appropriate manner and shall be designed to help students:

1. Identify and analyze warning signs and risk factors associated with suicide, including, but not limited to, understanding how mental health challenges and emotional distress, such as feelings of depression, loss, isolation, inadequacy, and anxiety, can lead to thoughts of suicide
2. Develop coping and resiliency skills for dealing with stress and trauma, and building self-esteem
3. Learn to listen, be honest, share feelings, and get help when communicating with friends who show signs of suicidal intent
4. Identify trusted adults; school resources, including the district's suicide prevention, intervention, and referral procedures; and/or community crisis intervention resources where youth can get help
5. Develop help-seeking strategies and recognize that there is no stigma associated with seeking services for mental health, substance abuse, and/or suicide prevention
6. Recognize that early prevention and intervention can drastically reduce the risk of suicide

The Superintendent or designee may develop and implement school activities that raise awareness about mental health wellness and suicide prevention.

### ***Student Identification Cards***

Student identification cards for students in grades 7-12 shall include the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline telephone number and may also include the Crisis Text Line and/or a local suicide prevention hotline telephone number. (Education Code 215.5)

### **Intervention**

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the name, title, and contact information of the members of the district and/or school crisis intervention team(s) to students, staff, parents/guardians, and caregivers and on school and district web sites. Such notifications shall identify the mental health professional who serves as the crisis intervention team's designated reporter to receive and act upon reports of a student's suicidal intention.

Students shall be encouraged to notify a teacher, principal, counselor, designated reporter, or other adult when they are experiencing thoughts of suicide or when they suspect or have knowledge of another student's suicidal intentions.

Every statement regarding suicidal intent shall be taken seriously. Whenever a staff member suspects or has knowledge of a student's suicidal intentions based on the student's verbalizations or act of self-harm, the staff member shall promptly notify the principal, school counselor, or designated reporter, who avert a clear and present danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the student or others within the school community. In addition, the counselor may disclose information of a personal nature to psychotherapists, other health care providers, or the school nurse for the sole purpose of referring the student for treatment, or to report child abuse and neglect as required by Penal Code 11164- 11174.3. (Education Code 49602)

Whenever schools establish a peer counseling system to provide support for students, peer counselors shall receive training that includes identification of the warning signs of suicidal behavior and referral of a suicidal student to appropriate adults.

When a suicide attempt or threat is reported, the principal or designee shall ensure student safety by taking the following actions:

1. Immediately securing medical treatment and/or mental health services as necessary
2. Notifying law enforcement and/or other emergency assistance if a suicidal act is being actively threatened
3. Keeping the student under continuous adult supervision and providing comfort to the student until the parent/guardian and/or appropriate support agent or agency can be contacted and has the opportunity to intervene
4. Removing other students from the immediate area as soon as possible

The principal or designee shall document the incident in writing, including the steps that the school took in response to the suicide attempt or threat.

The Superintendent or designee shall follow up with the parent/guardian and student in a timely manner to provide referrals to appropriate services as needed. If the parent/guardian does not access treatment for the student, the Superintendent or

designee may meet with the parent/guardian to identify barriers to treatment and assist the family in providing follow-up care for the student. If follow-up care is still not provided, the Superintendent or designee shall consider whether it is necessary, pursuant to laws for mandated reporters of child neglect, to refer the matter to the local child protective services agency.

For any student returning to school after a mental health crisis, the principal or designee and/or school counselor may meet with the parents/guardians and, if appropriate, with the student to discuss re-entry and appropriate steps to ensure the student's readiness for return to school and determine the need for ongoing support.

### **Postvention**

In the event that a student dies by suicide, the Superintendent or designee shall communicate with the student's parents/guardians to offer condolences, assistance, and resources. In accordance with the laws governing confidentiality of student record information, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the parents/guardians regarding facts that may be divulged to other students, parents/guardians, and staff.

The Superintendent or designee shall implement procedures to address students' and staff's grief and to minimize the risk of imitative suicide or suicide contagion. The Superintendent or designee shall provide students, parents/guardians, and staff with information, counseling, and/or referrals to community agencies as needed. Students significantly affected by suicide death and those at risk of imitative behavior should be identified and closely monitored. School staff may receive assistance from school counselors or other mental health professionals in determining how to best discuss the suicide or attempted suicide with students.

After any suicide or attempted suicide by a student, the Superintendent or designee shall provide an opportunity for all staff who responded to the incident to debrief, evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies used, and make recommendations for future actions.

## **CRISIS INTERVENTION PROCEDURES FOR ADDRESSING SUICIDE THREATS OR ATTEMPTS**

Counseling and other postvention strategies for helping students, staff, and others cope in the aftermath of a student's suicide

As appropriate, these measures and strategies shall specifically address the needs of students who are at high risk of suicide, including, but not limited to, students who are bereaved by suicide; students with disabilities, mental illness, or substance use disorders; students who are experiencing homelessness or who are in out-of-home settings such as foster care; and students who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning. (Education Code 215)

If a referral is made for mental health or related services for a student in grade K-6 who is a Medi-Cal beneficiary, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate and consult with the county mental health plan. (Education Code 215)

District employees shall act only within the authorization and scope of their credential or license. Nothing in this policy shall be construed as authorizing or encouraging district employees to diagnose or treat mental illness unless they are specifically licensed and employed to do so. (Education Code 215)

The Board shall review, and update as necessary, this policy at least every five years.

The Superintendent or designee shall post this policy on the district's web site, in a prominent location and in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students. (Education Code 234.6)

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The Governing Board is committed to providing a safe, supportive, and positive school environment, which is conducive to student learning and to preparing students for responsible citizenship by fostering self-discipline and personal responsibility. The Board believes that high expectations for student behavior, use of effective school and classroom management strategies, provision of appropriate intervention and support, and parent involvement can minimize the need for disciplinary measures that exclude students from instruction as a means for correcting student misbehavior.

The Superintendent or designee shall design a complement of effective, age-appropriate strategies for maintaining a positive school climate and correcting student misbehavior at district schools. The strategies shall focus on providing students with needed supports; communicating clear, appropriate, and consistent expectations and consequences for student conduct; and ensuring equity and continuous improvement in the implementation of district discipline policies and practices.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee's strategies shall reflect the Board's preference for the use of positive interventions and alternative disciplinary measures over exclusionary discipline measures as a means for correcting student misbehavior.

Disciplinary measures that may result in loss of instructional time or cause students to be disengaged from school, such as detention, suspension, and expulsion, shall be imposed only when required by law or when other means of correction have failed. (Education Code 48900.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall create a model discipline matrix that lists violations and the consequences for each as allowed by law.

At all times, the safety of students and staff and the maintenance of an orderly school environment shall be priorities in determining appropriate discipline. When misconduct occurs, staff shall attempt to identify the causes of the student's behavior and implement appropriate discipline. When choosing between different disciplinary strategies, staff shall consider the effect of each option on the student's health, well-being, and opportunity to learn.

Staff shall enforce disciplinary rules fairly, consistently, and in accordance with the district's nondiscrimination policies. District goals for improving school climate, based on suspension and expulsion rates, surveys of students, staff, and parents/guardians regarding their sense of school safety, and other local measures, shall be included in the district's local control and accountability plan, as required by law. At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board regarding disciplinary strategies used in district schools in the immediately preceding school year and their effect on student learning.

Policy Adopted: June 26, 2014

**Site-Level Rules**

Site-level rules shall be consistent with district policies and administrative regulations. In developing site-level disciplinary rules, the principal or designee shall solicit the participation, views, and advice of one representative selected by each of the following groups: (Education Code 35291.5)

1. Parents/guardians
2. Teachers
3. School administrators
4. School security personnel, if any
5. For junior high and high schools, students enrolled in the school

Annually, site-level discipline rules shall be reviewed and, if necessary, updated to align with any changes in district discipline policies or goals for school safety and climate as specified in the district's local control and accountability plan. A copy of the rules shall be filed with the Superintendent or designee for inclusion in the comprehensive safety plan.

School rules shall be communicated to students clearly and in an age-appropriate manner. It shall be the duty of each employee of the school to enforce the school rules on student discipline. (Education Code 35291)

**Disciplinary Strategies**

To the extent possible, staff shall use disciplinary strategies that keep students in school and participating in the instructional program. Except when a student's presence causes a danger to himself/herself or others or he/she commits a single act of a grave nature or an offense for which suspension or expulsion is required by law, suspension or expulsion shall be used only when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct. Disciplinary strategies may include, but are not limited to:

1. Discussion or conference between school staff and the student and his/her parents/guardians
2. Referral of the student to the school counselor or other school support service personnel for case management and counseling
3. Convening of a study team, guidance team, resource panel, or other intervention-related team to assess the behavior and develop and implement an individual plan to address the behavior in partnership with the student and his/her parents/guardians
4. When applicable, referral for a comprehensive psychosocial or psycho-educational assessment, including for purposes of creating an individualized education program or a Section 504 plan



5. Enrollment in a program for teaching pro-social behavior or anger management
6. Participation in a restorative justice program
7. A positive behavior support approach with tiered interventions that occur during the school day on campus
8. Participation in a social and emotional learning program that teaches students the ability to understand and manage emotions, develop caring and concern for others, make responsible decisions, establish positive relationships, and handle challenging situations capably
9. Participation in a program that is sensitive to the traumas experienced by students, focuses on students' behavioral health needs, and addresses those needs in a proactive manner
10. After-school programs that address specific behavioral issues or expose students to positive activities and behaviors, including, but not limited to, those operated in collaboration with local parent and community groups
11. Recess restriction as provided in the section below entitled "Recess Restriction"
12. Detention after school hours as provided in the section below entitled "Detention After School"
13. Community service as provided in the section below entitled "Community Service"
14. In accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation, restriction or disqualification from participation in extracurricular activities
15. Reassignment to an alternative educational environment
16. Suspension and expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation

When, by law or district policy, other means of correction are required to be implemented before a student could be suspended or expelled, any other means of correction implemented shall be documented and retained in the student's records. (Education Code 48900.5)

### **Recess Restriction**

A teacher may restrict a student's recess time only when he/she believes that this action is the most effective way to bring about improved behavior. When recess restriction may involve the withholding of physical activity from a student, the teacher shall try other disciplinary measures before imposing the restriction. Recess restriction shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. The student shall be given adequate time to use the restroom and get a drink or eat lunch, as appropriate.
2. The student shall remain under a certificated employee's supervision during the period of restriction.
3. Teachers shall inform the principal of any recess restrictions they impose.

### **Detention After School**

Students may be detained for disciplinary reasons up to one hour after the close of the maximum school day. (5 CCR 353)

The principal or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the detention at least one day in advance so that alternative transportation arrangements may be made. The student shall not be detained unless the principal or designee notifies the parent/guardian.

In cases where the school bus departs more than one hour after the end of the school day, students may be detained until the bus departs. (5 CCR 307, 353) Students shall remain under the supervision of a certificated employee during the period of detention.

### **Community Service**

As part of or instead of disciplinary action, the Board, Superintendent, principal, or principal's designee may, at his/her discretion, require a student to perform community service during non-school hours on school grounds or, with written permission of the student's parent/guardian, off school grounds. Such service may include, but is not limited to, community or school outdoor beautification, campus betterment, and teacher, peer, or youth assistance programs. (Education Code 48900.6)

This community service option is not available for a student who has been suspended, pending expulsion, pursuant to Education Code 48915. However, if the recommended expulsion is not implemented or the expulsion itself is suspended, then the student may be required to perform community service for the resulting suspension. (Education Code 48900.6)

### **Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students**

At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians, in writing, about the availability of district rules related to discipline. (Education Code 35291, 48980)

The Superintendent or designee shall also provide written notice of disciplinary rules to transfer students at the time of their enrollment in the district.

Adopted 4/14

### **Staff Training**

**Site discipline procedures are discussed with staff annually. Procedures are also included in the District Handbook and school handbooks which every staff member receives at the start of the school year.**

The Governing Board desires to provide district students access to educational opportunities in an orderly school environment that protects their safety and security, ensures their welfare and well-being, and promotes their learning and development. The Board shall develop rules and regulations setting the standards of behavior expected of district students and the disciplinary processes and procedures for addressing violations of those standards, including suspension and/or expulsion.

The grounds for suspension and expulsion and the procedures for considering, recommending, and/or implementing suspension and expulsion shall be only those specified in law, in this policy, and in the accompanying administrative regulation.

Except when otherwise permitted by law, a student may be suspended or expelled only when the behavior is related to a school activity or school attendance occurring within any district school or another school district, regardless of when it occurs, including, but not limited to, the following: (Education Code 48900(s))

While on school grounds

While going to or coming from school

During the lunch period, whether on or off the school campus During,  
going to, or coming from a school-sponsored activity

District staff shall enforce the rules concerning suspension and expulsion of students fairly, consistently, equally, and in accordance with the district's nondiscrimination policies.

### ***Appropriate Use of Suspension Authority***

Except when a student's act violates Education Code 48900(a)-(e), as listed in items #1- 5 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" of the accompanying administrative regulation, or when the student's presence causes a danger to others, suspension shall be used only when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct. (Education Code 48900.5, 48900.6)

A student's parents/guardians shall be notified as soon as possible when there is an escalating pattern of misbehavior that could lead to on-campus or off-campus suspension

No student may be suspended for disruption or willful defiance, except by a teacher from class, pursuant to Education Code 48910. (Education Code 48900)

Students shall not be suspended or expelled for truancy, tardiness, or absenteeism from assigned school activities.

## ***On-Campus Suspension***

To ensure the proper supervision and ongoing learning of students who are suspended for any of the reasons enumerated in Education Code 48900 and 48900.2, but who pose no imminent danger or threat to anyone at school and for whom expulsion proceedings have not been initiated, the Superintendent or designee shall establish a supervised suspension classroom program which meets the requirements of law.

Except where a supervised suspension is permitted by law for a student's first offense, supervised suspension shall be imposed only when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct. (Education Code 48900.5)

## ***Authority to Expel***

A student may be expelled only by the Board. (Education Code 48918(j))

As required by law, the Superintendent or principal shall recommend expulsion and the Board shall expel any student found to have committed any of the following "mandatory recommendation and mandatory expulsion" acts at school or at a school activity off school grounds: (Education Code 48915)

Possessing a firearm which is not an imitation firearm, as verified by a certificated employee, unless the student had obtained prior written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence

- Selling or otherwise furnishing a firearm  
Brandishing a knife at another person
- Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058
- Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289, or committing a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code 243.4

Possessing an explosive as defined in 18 USC 921

For all other violations listed in the accompanying administrative regulation, the Superintendent or principal shall have the discretion to recommend expulsion of a student. If expulsion is recommended, the Board shall order the student expelled only if it makes a finding of either or both of the following: (Education Code 48915(b) and (e))

That other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct

That due to the nature of the violation, the presence of the student causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the student or others

- A vote to expel a student shall be taken in an open session of a Board meeting.

- The Board may vote to suspend the enforcement of the expulsion order pursuant to the requirements of law and the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 48917)
- No student shall be expelled for disruption or willful defiance. (Education Code 48900)
- No child enrolled in a preschool program shall be expelled except under limited circumstances as specified in AR 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education.

### **Due Process**

The Board shall provide for the fair and equitable treatment of students facing suspension and/or expulsion by affording them their due process rights under the law. The Superintendent or designee shall comply with procedures for notices, hearings, and appeals as specified in law and administrative regulation. (Education Code 48911, 48915, 48915.5, 48918)

### **Maintenance and Monitoring of Outcome Data**

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain outcome data related to student suspensions and expulsions in accordance with Education Code 48900.8 and 48916.1, including, but not limited to, the number of students recommended for expulsion, the grounds for each recommended expulsion, the actions taken by the Board, the types of referral made after each expulsion, and the disposition of the students after the expulsion period. For any expulsion that involves the possession of a firearm, such data shall include the name of the school and the type of firearm involved, as required pursuant to 20 USC 7961. Suspension and expulsion data shall be reported to the Board annually and to the California Department of Education when so required.

In presenting the report to the Board, the Superintendent or designee shall disaggregate data on suspensions and expulsions by school and by numerically significant student subgroups, including, but not limited to, ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, and homeless students. Based on the data, the Board shall address any identified disparities in the imposition of student discipline and shall determine whether and how the district is meeting its goals for improving school climate as specified in its local control and accountability plan.

Adopted 9/20

## **SCHOOL DISCIPLINE**

### **A. Statement of Rules and Procedures On School Discipline** 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."

### **B. Notification to Students and Parents**

All students, parents, and staff are notified of the district discipline plan annually at the beginning of the school year and upon enrollment through the District Handbook. The District Handbook is also posted on the District's website in English and Spanish.

### **C. Staff Training**

Each district staff member is provided with a copy of the District Handbook annually at the beginning of the school year. Student expectations and positive behavioral supports are reviewed with staff through meetings, email and handouts.

## **GENERAL STUDENT EXPECTATIONS**

Students are expected to respect themselves, others and others' property. School rules and regulations are established to maintain an atmosphere and environment conducive to learning. Those students who fail to comply with established rules and regulations will face disciplinary actions. Participation or attendance at extracurricular activities is considered part of the educational program. Participants carry responsibilities as representatives of their school and community. All rules and regulations of student conduct also apply to all extracurricular/co-curricular activities and conduct to and from school.

Following an incident a conference will be held with a student and the site administrator will investigate the incident. If a student is in violation of the school rules discipline will be imposed and parents notified. The following chart indicates the common behavioral problem areas, their brief explanations, and the general type(s) of disciplinary action that may apply to each of the areas. This is not intended to be a comprehensive list covering all possible problem areas or consequential disciplinary actions taken by school officials. All actions, including those not listed below, will be taken in accordance with established school board policies or state laws.

### School Discipline Behavior Violations

<b><u>PROBLEM AREA EC 49800</u></b>	<b><u>EXPLANATION</u></b>	<b><u>POSSIBLE DISCIPLINARY ACTION</u></b>
ABSENCE (UNEXCUSED) AND TRUANCY	Any absence which has not been excused by the parent and approved by the school administrator	On site consequences, SARB Referral to D.A., Restorative practices
AIDING OR ABETTING	Assisting, encouraging, supporting others in the act of violating school rules or inflicting harm to another person.	Informal talk, conference, parent involvement, suspension, expulsion, alternate school site. Restorative practices
ASSAULT/BATTERY (a1)	Willfully engage in or threaten any act that causes or might cause serious physical injury to another person.	Suspension, alternate school site or program, expulsion, report to police.
WEAPONS/INJURIOUS OBJECTS (IMITATION OR OTHERWISE), EXPLOSIVES, LASER POINTERS (b)	Possession or use of a gun, a knife, or any object, which might be used to inflict bodily injury to another person. This includes laser pointers and toy weapons.	Suspension, expulsion, report to police. Restorative practices
EXTORTION/ROBBERY (e)	The solicitation of money, or something of value, in return for protection, or in connection with a threat to inflict harm.	Suspension, expulsion, report to police. Restorative practices
ARSON (f)	Starting or helping set a fire on a school campus	Suspension, expulsion, report to police.
EXPLOSIVE DEVICES/PEPPER SPRAY (b)	The use, possession, or sale of any explosive device	Suspension, expulsion, report to police.
POSSESSION, USE OR SALE OF DRUGS, ALCOHOL OR PARAPHERNALIA (d) (j) (c) (p)	Use, possession, or sale of drugs, narcotics, alcohol or other controlled substances.	Parent involvement, suspension, alternate school site or program, expulsion, report to police
FIGHTING (a)	Mutual combat not resulting in serious physical injury	Informal talk, conference, alternate school site, suspension, expulsion. Restorative practices
SEXUAL HARRASSMENT	Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature, made by someone in the educational setting. Creates an intimidating environment.	Informal talk, conference, parent involvement, suspension, expulsion, alternate school site. Restorative practices
HATE VIOLENCE (4-8 grade)	Actions committed because of the victim's race, color, religion, nationality, ancestry, disability or real or perceived sexual orientation, etcetera	Conference, Parent involvement, Suspension, expulsion, report to police. Restorative practices
DISORDERLY CONDUCT,	Conduct or behavior which is disruptive to the orderly educational	Office referral, conference, suspension, parent involvement,

INCLUDING PROFANITY, AND OBSCENE BEHAVIOR (4-8 grade)	procedure of the school; vulgarity or acts which are considered obscene	alternate school site program, expulsion. Restorative practices
UNEXCUSED ABSENCE OR TRUANCIES	Any absence which has not been excused both by parent or legal guardian and approved by the appropriate school official	Parent conference, detention, alternate school site program, SARB referral, referral to District Attorney, written parent notice, truancy. Restorative practices
DEFIANCE OF AUTHORITY (K)	Refusal to comply with reasonable requests of school personnel.	Informal talk, office referral, detention, parent involvement, alternative school site or program, Restorative practices
TARDINESS	Arriving late to school or class.	Informal talk, detention, parent involvement, office referral, Saturday School.
UNIFORM DRESS CODE	Not complying with the District uniform policy.	Informal talk, conference, detention, Restorative practices
GANG BEHAVIOR/ATTIRE	Engaging in behavior (writings, hand signals, intimidation, "stare downs", etc.) or wearing attire (caps, shirts, etc.) or symbols (notebooks,	Informal talk, office referral, detention, suspension, parent involvement, alternative school site or program, Restorative practices
BUS MISCONDUCT	Not following bus rules.	Parent involvement, loss of privilege to use school bus.
FORGERY	Writing and using the signature or initials of another person.	Parent involvement, detention, and suspension. Restorative practices
CHEATING	Using or allowing use of unauthorized material other than the student's own, to complete tests or class assignments and claiming that the work was original.	Informal talk, detention, no credit for the assignment or test, parent involvement, Restorative practices
GAMBLING	Participation in games of chance for the purpose of exchanging money or something of value.	Informal talk, parent involvement, suspension, Restorative practices
THEFT/POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY (g) (l)	Taking or attempting to take property that does not belong to oneself, or possession of stolen property.	Informal talk, conference, parent involvement, suspension, expulsion, restitution, report to police. Restorative practices
SMOKING/USE OF TOBACCO (h)	Use or possession of tobacco, including electronic and vape, on school property or during school activities.	Informal talk, conference, parent involvement, detention, suspension, alternate school site, Saturday School, Restorative practices
DESTRUCTION OR / VANDALISM OF SCHOOL PROPERTY (f)	Destroying, damaging or mutilating property or materials belonging to school, school personnel or other persons	Informal talk, conference, suspension, expulsion, restitution, report to police, alternate school site.



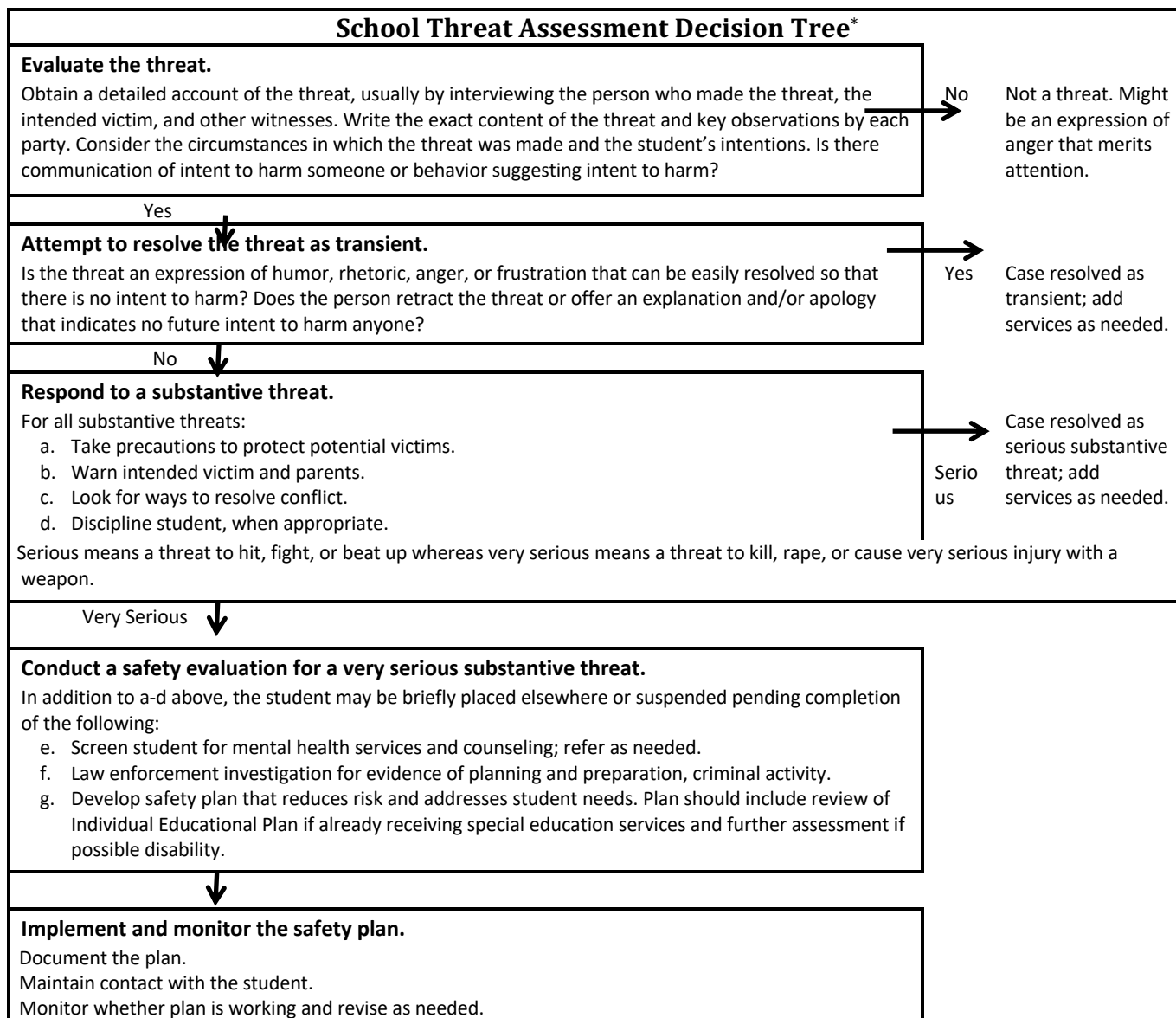
INAPPROPRIATE INTERNET USE	Any use of Internet for purposes other than those specified by the school.	Informal talk, conference, suspension, expulsion, Restorative practices
TERRORISTIC THREATS	Any threat to commit a crime that would result in serious injury or damage. Even if there is no intent.	Threat Team investigation, intervention, suspension, expulsion, report to police.
BULLYING, HARRASSMENT, THREATS OR INTIMIDATION (O)	Engages in harassment, threats or intimidation directed towards students or staff that creates substantial disorder and creates an intimidating or hostile educational environment.	Informal talk, conference, parent involvement, suspension or expulsion, restorative practices
BULLYING, CYBERBULLYING & HARRASSENT (r)	Any willful conduct directed at a specific person, which seriously alarms, or harasses the other person and involves the imbalance of real or perceived power among those involved. Including conduct by means of an electronic act, cell phone, messaging, social media, etc.	Principal will use Bullying investigation procedure and steps for discipline. Possible consequences based on offense: Informal talk, conference, contract, parent involvement, suspension or expulsion

### **STUDENT THREATS**

A threat is a communication of intent to harm someone that may be spoken, written, gestured, or expressed in some other form, such as via text messaging, email, or other digital means. Threats may be implied by behavior that an observer would reasonably regard as threatening, planning, or preparing to commit a violent act. When in doubt, treat the communication or behavior as a threat and conduct a threat assessment. Threats that are not easily recognized as harmless (e.g., an obvious joke that worries no one) should be reported to the school administrator or other team members. The administrator or another team member makes a preliminary determination of the seriousness of the threat. The student, targets of the threat, and other witnesses should be interviewed to obtain information using this protocol. A *transient* threat means there is no sustained intent to harm and a *substantive* threat means the intent is present (or not clear) and therefore requires protective action.

If someone knows of someone making a threat it is important to contact the school principal. Help teach students that there is a difference between "snitching" and trying to prevent an act of violence. If a student makes a threat or is the target of a "serious" threat, the site will contact the parent/caretaker, advise the parent/caretaker school's response and seek support and assistance in resolving the threat.

A threat assessment is not a crisis response. If there is indication that violence is imminent (e.g., person has a firearm at school or is on the way to school to attack someone), a crisis response is appropriate. Take immediate action such as calling 911 and follow the school crisis response plan.



This 5-step decision tree is a revision of the original 7-step decision tree for the Virginia Student Threat Assessment Guidelines that retains the same information and procedures in a more condensed format.

The Governing Board desires to keep district schools free from the threats or harmful influence of any groups who exhibit behavior disruptive to the school environment and/or the safety and well-being of students. The Board additionally desires to provide support and intervention to students who are members of gangs to enable them to successfully disengage from gang involvement and be successful in school.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for gang prevention that address the reasons that students may become involved in gangs, including the identity, recognition, or status achieved as being part of a gang, protection from gang violence in the community, the need for companionship and an extended family, intimidation to join a gang, desire to join a gang to be in a position to intimidate others, and/or connection with criminal activity.

Gang violence prevention shall start as early as possible and include, but not be limited to, age-appropriate education that focuses on developing emotional and social competence, increasing prosocial peer bonds, strengthening attachment and commitment to school, and enhancing cooperative learning skills. Prevention shall also include improving parent/guardian involvement in and support for their children's academic progress, as well as ongoing gang awareness education for parents/guardians, including gang identifiers.

The Superintendent or designee shall take steps to deter gang activity on school campuses, including threats and intimidation of students and staff, recruitment or intimidation of students to join gangs, bullying, fighting, criminal activities, and confrontations between members of different gangs.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school rules of conduct and any school dress code prohibiting gang-related apparel are enforced consistently. If a student exhibits signs of gang affiliation, staff shall so inform the principal or designee and the student's parent/guardian.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide in-service training which helps staff to identify gangs and gang symbols, recognize early manifestations of disruptive activities, and respond appropriately to gang behavior. Staff shall be informed about conflict management techniques and alerted to intervention measures and community resources. The Superintendent or designee shall also provide staff development on social and emotional learning, classroom management, interactive teaching, and cooperative learning skills.

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with child welfare services, mental health agencies, social services, and local law enforcement authorities in the prevention and intervention of gang activity.

Adopted 3/21

## **Dress Code and Grooming Board Policy 5132**

The Governing Board believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. The Board expects students to wear clothing that is suitable for the school activities in which they participate. Students shall not wear clothing that presents a health or safety hazard or causes a substantial disruption to the educational program.

District and school rules pertaining to student attire shall be included in student handbooks, may be posted in school offices and classrooms, and may be periodically reviewed with all students as necessary.

Students shall not be prohibited from dressing in a manner consistent with their gender identity or gender expression or with their religious or cultural observance.

In addition, the dress code shall not discriminate against students based on hair texture and protective hairstyles, including, but not limited to, braids, locks, and twists. (Education Code 212.1)

The principal or designee is authorized to enforce this policy and shall inform any student who does not reasonably conform to the dress code. The dress code shall not be enforced in a manner that discriminates against a particular viewpoint or results in a disproportionate application of the dress code based on students' gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, household income, or body type or size.

School administrators, teachers, and other staff shall be notified of appropriate and equitable enforcement of the dress code.

When practical, students shall not be directed to correct a dress code violation during instructional time or in front of other students.

Repeated violations or refusal to comply with the district's dress code may result in disciplinary action.

### **Gang-Related Apparel**

The principal, staff, and parents/guardians at a school may establish a reasonable dress code that prohibits students from wearing gang-related apparel when there is evidence of a gang presence that disrupts or threatens to disrupt the school's activities. Such a proposed dress code shall be presented to the Board, which shall approve the plan upon determining that it is necessary to protect the health and safety of the school environment. The dress code policy may be included in the school's comprehensive safety plan. (Education Code 35183)

When determining specific items of clothing that may be defined as gang apparel, the school shall ensure that the determination is free from bias based on race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, or other protected characteristics.

## Uniforms

The Board may approve a school-initiated dress code requiring students at the school to wear a school uniform whenever the Board determines that such a dress code will promote student achievement, a positive school climate, and/or student safety.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures whereby parents/ guardians may choose to have their children exempted from the school uniform policy. Students shall not be penalized academically, otherwise discriminated against, or denied attendance to school if their parents/guardians so decide. (Education Code 35183)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that resources are identified to assist economically disadvantaged students in obtaining uniforms. (Education Code 35183)

Policy Adopted: May 26, 2021

***Mt. Pleasant School District maintains a uniform dress code for students. Listed below are the school uniform requirements. Modifications may be made annually to this list.***

### **APPEARANCE/DRESS CODE/ SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Mount Pleasant School are committed to ensuring safe and gang free schools, where learning is the focus. Therefore, no shade of red or blue clothing, accessory, backpack, or jewelry, other than the navy blue school uniform, is permitted on campus. All clothing must be size appropriate (not too baggy, too tight, too short or too revealing). Students must adhere to the following uniform policies:

#### **PANTS Grades K-5 Navy Blue**

Twill slacks, shorts, or capris  
Neatly hemmed \*Not banded  
\*Sweatpants in Grade K-5 only

PANTS MUST BE WORN ON OR ABOVE THE NATURAL HIP LINE NO SAGGING

#### **Grades 6-8<sup>th</sup> Khaki (tan)**

#### **TOPS Grades K-5<sup>th</sup> White or Forest Green Grades 6-8<sup>th</sup> White or Navy**

Polo shirt with collar  
Blouse with collar (K-5)  
Turtle neck or mock neck  
Long or short sleeved

#### **Individual School Spirit Shirts:**

Each site administrator will determine when **Spirit Shirts** may be worn.  
If an undershirt /tee shirt is worn, it must be **white** and free of logos or designs and be **tucked in.**  
Polo shirts must be long enough to cover the top of the pant pocket. **Not too long, tight or baggy**

#### **SKIRT**

**Grades K-5<sup>th</sup> Navy Blue**  
Pleated, plain or skorts

**Grades 6-8<sup>th</sup>**  
No shorter than fingertip length

## **SWEATSHIRT**

### **Grade K-5<sup>th</sup> Forest Green**

Hooded or non-hooded

Pull on or zipper style

School logo or plain

Free of other logos or designs

All Stars or Walden West Sweatshirts-Must be size appropriate-not too big or too small.

Site administrators will determine when spirit shirts, Walden West and All Star sweatshirts may be worn.

ALL CLOTHES MUST BE SIZE APPROPRIATE. Tight fitting or baggy clothes are not permitted. No baggy pants, shorts, etc. No short shorts or mini-skirts, tank tops, tube tops, or spaghetti straps. This applies to non-uniform days also.

Hoods may not be worn in the classroom

### **Grades 6-8<sup>th</sup> gray (any shade) or white**

## **JACKETS**

Jackets with team logos or other advertisements are not permitted.

Solid color

## **BELTS**

Plain black, brown, or white

Belts must be size appropriate  
decoration.

Buckles may not have insignias.

Belts may not have studs, sparkles, or other

## **SOCKS**

### **White or black.**

One pair of socks maybe worn

Tights may be worn

Socks are not to be stuffed under the tongues of shoes.

## **SHOES**

### **Solid white, brown or black**

Enclosed toes and heels

Laces must match the shoes.

Shoes must be tied. Students must also have appropriate shoes for P.E. Grades 6-8

## **HAIR**

Hair should be clean and neatly groomed.

Hairspray or mousse are not allowed at school

Hair styles should be appropriate in length and color; not distracting to other students and disruptive to the learning process. Violators will call home to make the necessary arrangements to correct the situation.

## **MAKE-UP, PERFUME, GROOMING PRODUCTS**

\*Make up is not appropriate for the K-5 setting.

Spray deoderant or perfumes are not allowed

## **JEWELRY**

\* Long earrings and large hoops are not permitted.

\* Jewelry that may offend community sensibilities is not allowed.

\* Students with body piercings (lip, eyebrow, nose, tongue, etc.) are not permitted to wear

jewelry in those piercings to school.

- \* Chain wallets are not permitted.

### **HATS, SUNGLASSES, AND ACCESSORIES**

- \* Head coverings may be worn on school grounds only for protection from weather or religious reasons.
- \* Head coverings or hair decorations that are gang-like in nature or color are not allowed including bandanas.
- \* Sunglasses may not be worn at school.
- \* Accessories that interfere with learning or present a safety threat are not allowed.

### **BACKPACKS Grades 6-8**

#### **\* Black, brown, white, or dark green**

- \* Backpacks must be solid color.
- \* Patches are not permitted.
- \* Backpacks with print fabric, cartoon characters, or other logos are not appropriate for junior high school and are not permitted.
- \* Backpacks are to be free from all writing or drawings except the student's name written one time neatly.

### **BACKPACKS Grades K-5**

- \* Backpacks that are solid in color, (except red or navy/powder blue), with print fabric, cartoon characters, or other logos are appropriate the elementary grades.
- \* Backpacks are to be free from all writing or drawings except the student's name written one time neatly.
- \* Patches, keys chains, etc. are not permitted.
- \* Backpacks with inappropriate writing or drawings may be spray painted by the school.

### **DRESS CODE/NON-UNIFORM DAY GUIDELINES:**

The School Administrator may designate "non-uniform" days. On non-uniform days, students are expected to dress within acceptable standards. Clothing should be clean, neat, and in good repair, should not distract from learning, not be offensive and be safe for school activities. Students who violate the non-uniform guidelines will call home to get the appropriate clothing.

### **The following items are not permitted:**

- \* Skirts and shorts that do not reach your fingertips when arms are at their sides.
- \* Low-cut tanktops or shirts, vests and jackets with large or gaping arm holes.
- \* Crop tops, bare midriff blouses, cut-offs, or see-through jerseys
- \* Revealing clothing that is distracting or disruptive to the learning process.
- \* Clothes, jewelry, or pins that advertise products that are illegal or off limits to minors, or that may offend community sensibilities and/or interfere with students doing their best work.
- \* Sandals, flipflops, or high-heeled shoes.
- \* No Red or Blue clothing or items with insignias from non-school clubs, organizations, or gangs. [EC 35183,35183.5]

### **DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS**

Students who are not in uniform are not considered ready to learn. Parents/guardians will be notified to bring the uniform to school. Students with specific medical needs related to the uniform must notify the office and have a doctor's note on file. Consequences may include: \*Lunch and/or recess detention \*A warning letter \* Exclusion from non-uniform days \*Other action based on individual needs

Mt. Pleasant School District Administrators reserve the right to modify or change the dress code policy as necessary to insure the safety of the students and the quality of instruction.

### **PARENT WAIVER**

A Parent/guardian may request a uniform waiver. Waivers are available at the District Office. A meeting with the administration will be requested to discuss the waiver and dress code. Students that have a uniform waiver must still adhere to the dress code guidelines listed above

### **Staff Training**

All Staff receive a copy of the District handbook including the dress code annually at the beginning of the school year.



## **TACTICAL RESPONSE**

All school sites adhere to the standardized procedures for Lockdown and Active Shooter and other Active Intruder listed in this plan if there is an active shooter, individual with a weapon on campus or other possible violent crime. Training on procedures, Run, Hide, Defend, is consistent with training from local law enforcement. Intruder drills are conducted annually.

If a threat is made or if there is a weapon found on campus, a threat assessment is conducted, if a threat is found to be substantive the threat assessment team (consisting of multi-disciplinary personnel, including but not limited administration, counselors, mental health professionals, Information Technology professionals and law enforcement) will conduct the following steps:

- Contact law enforcement
- Notify any intended victim(s) if identified
- Notify parent/caretaker
- Review all available information including files, reports, statements, etc
- Develop Safety Plan

If other crimes are committed on campus such as thefts and vandalism, administration, risk management and another needed district resources along with law enforcement will conduct an investigation. Depending on the investigation outcomes, administration will follow district procedures for discipline and will assist in any necessary prosecution procedures through the District Attorney's office.

## **Evacuation Routes**

**FOR SAFETY REASONS THE SCHOOL MAP WITH EMERGENCY EVACUATION ROUTES AND OFF-CAMPUS EVACUATION LOCATIONS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PLAN. FIRST RESPONDERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED SCHOOL MAPS, SCHEDULES AND KEYS IN A LOCKBOX**

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES & PREPAREDNESS PLAN

### ***Routine and Emergency Disaster Procedures:***

**AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator)** are located at each school in the front office, the District Office and the August Boeger Gymnasium and Cafeteria/Multi-purpose room.

Staff receive an AED orientation annually. The AED equipment is monitored quarterly for appropriate functioning. Signs are posted in each classroom and school identifying the location of the AED on site.

Emergency procedures are reviewed with staff annually at the beginning of the school year. Emergency Procedures are posted in each room in each building.

## **Drills & Procedures**

Drills are completed monthly, and log of completed results is kept in the front office at each school.

### **EARTHQUAKE DRILL - EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

The earthquake emergency procedure system shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

A school building disaster plan, ready for implementation at any time, for maintaining the safety and care of students and staffs.

A drop procedure. As used in this article, "drop procedure" means an activity whereby each student and staff member takes cover under a table or desk, dropping to his or her knees, with the head protected by the arms, and the back to the windows. A drop procedure practice shall be held at least once each school quarter in elementary schools and at least once a semester in secondary schools.

Protective measures to be taken before, during, and following an earthquake.

A program to ensure that the students and that both the certificated and classified staff are aware of, and properly trained in, the earthquake emergency procedure system. (Code of Regulations, Section 35297)

Whenever an earthquake occurs, all students, teachers and other employees shall immediately begin Duck, Cover, and Hold procedures:

- DUCK, or DROP down on the floor.
- Take COVER under a sturdy desk, table, or other furniture with backs to the windows. Protect head and neck with arms.
- HOLD onto the furniture and be prepared to move with it.
- Stay in this position for at least one minute or, in a real situation, until shaking stops.

**Evacuation.** An Evacuation should NEVER be automatic. There may be more danger outside the building than there is inside. If administrative directions are not forthcoming, the teacher will be responsible for assessing the situation and determining if an evacuation is required.

Pre-determined evacuation areas should be in open areas, without overhead hazards and removed from potential danger spots (covered walkways, large gas mains, chain linked fences [electric shock potential]).

- Make it clear that a post-earthquake route differs from a fire evacuation route, and that appropriate non-hazardous alternate routes may be needed.
- Expect aftershocks over the next hours or days,
- Check yourself and others for injuries.
- Report any injuries to **Principal/Site Administrator**.
- Use your training to provide first aid, use fire extinguishers, clean-up spills, etc.
- Assess your surroundings, check for damage and hazardous conditions.
- Report them to **Principal/Site Administrator**.
- Limit phone use to emergency calls only.
- If asked to evacuate to assembly areas, move swiftly.
- Grab keys, personal items and emergency supplies only if convenient and safe to do so.
- Follow directions of emergency responders.

Practice evacuation using alternate routes to the assembly areas.

Students are to remain with their teacher in the evacuation area. Teachers shall take their roll books, take roll once in the evacuation area, and be prepared to identify missing students to administrators and/first responders.

The Principal or designee shall keep a copy of each drill conducted on the Emergency Drill Report form and file a copy with the Superintendent/designee.

### **Standards for a Successful Earthquake Drill:**

The Earthquake Alarm can be heard by all staff and students.

Immediately after the earthquake alarm sounds, all students, teachers and other employees shall:



- DUCK, or DROP down on the floor.
- Take COVER under a sturdy desk, table or other furniture with backs to the windows. Protect head and neck with arms.
- HOLD onto the furniture and be prepared to move with it.

Evacuations shall occur when directed over the loud- speaker by the Principal/designee. When evacuations are included as part of the drill, appropriate non-hazardous alternate routes, avoiding building overhangs, electrical wires, large trees, covered walkways, etc, shall be utilized by staff and students in order to reach the designated evacuation areas.

Teachers have taken roll once in the evacuation area. Any missing students are immediately reported to the Principal/designee.

Upon sounding of the all clear students and staff return to their appropriate classroom and the teacher takes roll once more. Missing students are reported to the attendance office.

## **FIRE DRILL PROCEDURES**

*Each School Site shall hold a fire drill at least once a month in all elementary and middle schools. (Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 550) Evacuation maps are posted in each classroom.*

1. Whenever the fire alarm is given, all students, teachers and other employees shall quickly leave the building in an orderly manner. Teachers shall ascertain that no student remains in the building.
2. Designated evacuation routes shall be posted in each room. Teachers shall be prepared to select alternate exits and direct their classes to these exits in the event the designated evacuation route is blocked.
3. Evacuation areas will be established away from fire lanes.
4. Students are to remain with their teacher in the evacuation area. Teachers shall take their roll books, take roll once in the evacuation area and be prepared to identify missing students to administrators and/or fire marshals/designees.
5. The principal or designee shall keep a copy of each drill conducted on the Emergency Drill Report form and file a copy with the Superintendent/designee.

### **Standards for a Successful Fire Drill:**

1. The Fire Alarm can be heard by all staff and students.
2. Orderly evacuation begins immediately and is completed within **5** minutes of the initial alarm, with minimal congestion at exit gates.
3. Teachers and students are staged in an orderly fashion away from fire lanes.
4. Teachers have taken roll once in the evacuation area. Any missing students are immediately reported to the Principal/designee.
5. Upon sounding of the all clear students and staff return to their appropriate classroom and the teacher takes roll once more. Missing students are reported to the attendance office.

## **Lockdown – Active Intruder Drills- Procedures**

All sites have received training in accordance with the procedures adopted by local law enforcement, Run, Hide, Defend. Lockdown Drills initially involve more pre-planning and organization than conducting other drills. All schools conduct an annual lock down drill, which should take no longer than 30 minutes. Drills are scheduled with Student Support Services. New teachers are trained and interested parties are trained annually.

There are a number of steps that are recommended in the Run-Hide-Define drill in order to successfully conduct a drill.

1. Train and/or review with staff and students annually
2. Review expectations and standards in terms of:

RUN- Evacuation procedures - how to determine if to evacuate or lockdown

HIDE- Lockdown Procedures

- a. Locking doors
- b. Maintaining a quiet room
- c. Covering windows if needed
- d. Turn off lights, only if needed
- e. Building door and internal barricades
- f. Reviewing classroom and all clear procedures
- g. Reviewing off site evacuation directions and locations.

DEFEND- if in imminent danger, defense of self and others to maintain life

3. Send a follow-up reminder memo to staff
4. Organize the assessment team.
5. Conduct the assessment. District requires 90% pass rate or an additional drill is scheduled. Passing a drill consists of appropriate evacuation skills, quiet room, effective barricades, and internal concealment
6. Complete follow-up tasks. Team Debrief.
7. Report to Superintendent on Drill Success

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES PLAN

THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ARE TO BE USED IN THE EVENT THE SCHOOL OR DISTRICT SITE HAS BEEN ACTIVATED FOR ANY TYPE OF EMERGENCY: CALL 9-1-1

### IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO REPORT THE EMERGENCY SITUATION

Activate the campus emergency system by following the recommended emergency guidelines outlined within this chart. When reporting the emergency to the main office or 911, you should be prepared to supply the following minimal amount of information:

- Your name.
- Nature of incident.
- Location of incident.
- Severity of injuries or property damage.
- Telephone number (as a call back) if additional information is required.

### MAIN OFFICE WILL TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION:

1. Immediately **CALL 9-1-1**, if needed to coordinate and report the emergency and supply required information the emergency dispatcher requests.
2. Activate the campus emergency system by:
  - Notifying the **Principal or Incident Commander** of the reported emergency and provide all critical details.
  - Provide additional emergency support as directed by the **Principal of Incident Commander**.

**AFTER SCHOOL HOUR EMERGENCIES CALL 9-1-1.**

For area wide emergency information and instructions, tune to the Emergency Alert System:

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS			EMERGENCY RADIO STATIONS
9-1-1 Police Emergency			
Police Non-Emergency		311	KCBS AM 740
Police Department	408-	277-8900	KGO AM 810
South Santa Clara County Sheriff	408-	686-3650	KQED FM 88.5
San Jose Police Department	408-	277-8900	KSOL FM 98.9 Spanish
Animal Control Services	408-	794-7297	KSJX AM 1500
Poison Control Center	800-	876-4766	Vietnamese
			KCBS AM 740

## GENERAL EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

**Maintaining the safety of students and staff is the first priority.**

### General Guidelines:

Emergencies can come at any time. Being prepared physically and psychologically to handle unexpected accidents or disasters is an individual as well as an organizational responsibility. This guide has been developed to assist in minimizing the effects from such events. Please read the contents thoroughly.

The information included in this guide is intended to cover most emergency actions, but is not all-inclusive. **Common sense must prevail when instructions are not available. No matter what the crisis, THINK before you ACT then act swiftly to minimize your exposure to danger.**

### YOUR SAFETY IS OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE:

If you have questions concerning a unique situation not covered in this reference guide or if you wish additional information regarding emergency preparedness, contact Student Support Services.



**All School sites have perimeter gates, all gate doors are to remain closed during the school day. Any visitors must enter the school site through the school office.**

### **WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW?**

Read your school Emergency Disaster Plan. Place emergency materials, e.g., exit routes, etc. with this guide. Post this guide next to the exit door, where it will be immediately available for quick reference in an emergency. Maintain personal emergency supplies at work or in your car: change of clothes, shoes, snacks, flashlight, prescription medication, etc. ([www.redcross.org/services/disaster](http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster)). Notify family and childcare that in an emergency, you are an Emergency Worker and may need to remain on campus assisting until released. Make necessary plans for family members and pets.

### **Definitions & Announcement procedures:**

**Lockdown** - Active, possibly armed intruder ON School Site - Response: RUN- HIDE- DEFEND (evacuate, lockdown or fight to save lives if in imminent danger) decisions based on location and situation. Hide in secured location until released. (Formerly Code Red)

**Shelter in Place** - Danger near site - Response: EVERYONE stay inside, can continue normal business, away from windows, quiet, remain inside until released. (Formerly Code Blue)

**Who can call a Shelter in Place or Lock Down?** - *Anyone who sees an urgent threat to student and staff safety can make a school side announcement or "All Call".*

*Notify Office immediately with any additional details and notify 9-1-1.*

## MEDICAL EMERGENCY

The following procedures should be activated for any Medical Emergency at a school or district site. **IF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY EXISTS, IMMEDIATELY CALL 9-1-1.** If first aid, more than minor injury, is required take the student to the campus office where the school nurse or designee will administer first aid, as required.

<b>TREATING A STUDENT – LIFE THREATING</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stay calm and <u>DO NOT</u> move the student unless there is danger of further injury. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give your name, telephone number, campus, room number and location of student.</li> <li>• Describe the nature and severity of the medical emergency.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Ask someone to dispatch a first aid/CPR-trained employee to the student.</li> <li>3. Determine if student may be having an allergic reaction and experiencing anaphylactic shock, if so notify office request Epi-Pen assistance. If suspected overdose administer Narcan</li> <li>4. <u>DO NOT</u> give the student anything to eat or drink.</li> <li>5. When an ambulance arrives, request information as to which hospital the student will be taken to notify the parents.</li> <li>6. Give the ambulance driver the student's emergency numbers and guardian name(s).</li> <li>7. If possible, assign a staff member to accompany a student to the hospital.</li> <li>8. Work with staff to complete DISTRICT Report of Student Injury form, which can be obtained at the campus main office, and return to <b>Principal</b>.</li> </ol>
<b>TREATING A STUDENT – <u>NOT</u> LIFE THREATING</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In case of a minor injury or illness, take the student to the office where the school Health Clerk will administer first aid, as required.</li> <li>2. Work with staff to complete DISTRICT Report of Student Injury form, which can be obtained at the campus main office, and return to <b>Principal</b>.</li> </ol>
<b>TREATING A DISTRICT EMPLOYEE OR OTHER – LIFE THREATING</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Follow steps 1 through 7 above.</li> <li>2. Complete the District Report of Employee Incident/Injury form which can be obtained and returned to your Supervisor.</li> </ol>
<b>TREATING A DISTRICT EMPLOYEE OR OTHER – <u>NOT</u> LIFE THREATING</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Report to the campus office where the school Health Clerk will administer first aid, as required, or get minor first aid supplies from your campus first aid box.</li> <li>2. Complete the District Employee Incident/Injury form which can be obtained and returned to your reporting Supervisor.</li> </ol>

## SHELTER IN PLACE

The following procedures should be activated for Shelter-In-Place, at a school or district site.

**IF A SHELTER-IN-PLACE IS REQUIRED**, immediately **Call Principal or office** (**Follow Campus Emergency Management**) and supply any known details.

Shelter-in-Place simply means seeking immediate shelter inside or remaining inside a building. This action may be taken during a release of toxic chemical or materials to the outside air or other emergency on or near campus. If the outside air quality is threatened or compromised, sheltering in place keeps you inside an area offering more protection. Typically Shelter-in-Place events can last from ten minutes to a few hours. If a situation escalates Shelter-In-Place can become a Lockdown so it is important to listen carefully to instructions and remain inside until “ALL CLEAR” is called”

IMMEDIATE SHELTER-IN-PLACE	DELAYED SHELTER-IN-PLACE
<p>When the release is nearby and the need to seek shelter is immediate do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay inside a building.</li> <li>• If outside, enter nearest building.</li> <li>• Remain in place until <b><u>Principal</u></b> provides an “ALL CLEAR” it is safe to leave.</li> </ul>	<p>When a release occurs off campus and there is time (30 minutes or more), move people to large, enclosed areas and do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow directions of emergency activation personnel to move quickly to Shelter-In-Place location.</li> <li>• Remain in place until advised by <b><u>Principal</u></b> that it is safe to leave.</li> </ul>
ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES	
<p>Shelter-In-Place in an interior room without windows or with the least number of windows. Close all blinds. Shut and lock doors. Limit use of telephones to emergency calls only. Follow instructions of Instructor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow instructions of <b><u>Principal</u></b>.</li> <li>• Continue teaching or other normal operations.</li> <li>• Make yourself comfortable. Look after each other.</li> </ul> <p>If Outside: Reenter building at closest location and follow Shelter-In-Place procedures</p>	
ALL CLEAR	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b><u>Principal</u></b> will advise the campus of an “all clear condition”.</li> <li>2. Open doors and windows and return ventilation systems to normal operations.</li> <li>3. Go outside until building has been vented.</li> </ol>	
INFORMATION SOURCES	
<p><b><u>Principal</u></b> will receive status and updates and emergency directives via campus telephone, intercom system, or e-mail via Emergency Personnel or the Principal or designee in case of emergency.</p>	

## LOCKDOWN- INTRUDER ON CAMPUS

The following procedures should be activated for an Intruder or dangerous situation on or near campus that poses a threat to the safety to staff and students. **Staff or local law enforcement may call a Lockdown. IF A LOCKDOWN IS REQUIRED**, immediately **Call Principal (Follow Campus Emergency Management)** and supply any known details. The following procedures will be activated for a Campus or Site Lockdown. This procedure is implemented to ensure the safety of students and staff from intruders or incidents in the community.

**IF A LOCKDOWN IS REQUIRED**, immediately **Call Principal (Follow Campus Emergency Management)** and supply any known details.

### DURING A LOCKDOWN IF YOU ARE OUTSIDE A BUILDING - RUN

- Evacuate students off campus if danger is obvious and evacuation is the safest option. Evacuate away from where danger is to safe location off campus.
- If evacuating, run in zig-zag pattern.
- If safe to do so, move students to nearest available safe location, without drawing attention, If doors are locked, continue to look for a safe area. Do not go into rooms that cannot be secured and offer no way out.
- If sheltering in a room and if safe to do so, contact Incident Commander to document your location.
- If sheltering in a room, follow procedures for LOCKDOWN INSIDE BUILDING.
- Take attendance.
- By radio communication or cell phone, contact site or district office to report location and any absent or missing, as well as any additional, students. Maintain order in all areas of shelter or assembly.
- Do not release students to parent/guardian unless instructed by Incident Commander.
- Wait for another action or, if ALL CLEAR announcement is issued, return to building and normal class routine.
- Quickly move students or personnel to the closest pre-determined safe building and continue to follow lockdown procedures outlined below.

## DURING A LOCKDOWN IF YOU ARE INSIDE A BUILDING

1. Lock doors and turn down lights
2. Keep students and personnel away from windows and doors sitting/hiding against a "Safe Wall", internal barricade
3. Maintain a calm quiet environment. Do not draw attention to location.
4. Barricade or rope off door preventing entry
5. Control all cell phone activity, no outgoing messages or calls, phones on vibrate.
6. Contact the **Office** only if you have an additional emergency situation. Use email or telephone/text for communication.
7. Remain in classrooms and containment (Safe Room) areas until notified.
8. NO person is to enter or exit a locked room.
9. Keep students calm, engaged in quiet activities. Do NOT resume normal activities.
10. Take attendance. Maintain Safe Room containment.
11. Lock Down may last a few minutes to a few hours, if students MUST use the bathroom, empty the trash can, keeping bag, and allow students to use the trash can to go to the bathroom. Have other students stand shoulder to shoulder to surround the student in a circle with their backs to the student in order to provide a privacy curtain.
12. Do not call office to ask questions; Incident Command will send out periodic updates through email or intercom if safe to do so
13. Wait for "ALL CLEAR" instructions from your to **Principal** or Emergency Responders.

- Listen to determine where intruder/danger is coming from
- Quickly determine if safer to evacuate based on location, any needs of students (physical, language, etc.)
- If safe to do so, quickly evacuate off campus
- Instruct students to RUN!
- Try to stay behind visual barriers while evacuating.

- Once safely away from campus, gather students, take attendance
- By radio or cell phone, contact site or district office to report location, and any missing or additional students.
- Maintain order in all areas of shelter or assemble.
- Keep students calm and wait for instructions.

### Principal Will

- Coordinate with police to cover students who are outside and cannot be quickly moved to a safe room. Police will contain them off campus.
- Work with Emergency Responders to prevent students and others from re-entering campus.
- Will keep in communication with local law enforcement.

### ALL CLEAR, LOCKDOWN OVER

The **Principal** will advise the campus or site over the intercom of an "ALL CLEAR" condition when the danger has been resolved. Normal activities may resume .

**LOCKDOWN continued.**

## THREAT/HOSTAGE SITUATION

### Think First

No matter where you go or what you do, have a plan as to what you would do in case you encounter trouble..."What would I do if...?" Consider precautions before they're needed can help eliminate confusion during a panic situation.

### IF THREATENED OR ASSAULTED BY AN ARMED OR UN-ARMED PERSON ON CAMPUS

**Immediately Scream "Help Me"** and Resist Restraint by your attacker – Your voice is one of your best weapons and may attract attention and fighting back may cause the attacker to give up and flee. If possible, never agree to be a willing victim.

If being physically attacked and/or being held against your will, use your best judgment to talk your way out of the situation or fight back when you have the most physical advantage for your release. Save your energy for your best attack. Be smart and hit your attacker in vulnerable points such as: under nose, under chin, windpipe, solar plexus, groin, knee, and instep to name a few. Again, Save your physical power and high energy for a smart fight with your attacker for your release. Never give up. If you decide to fight and try to get out of your attacker's physical control, when you succeed, run fast and hard for help.

Upon your physical release run as fast as you can, while screaming for help.

**CALL 9-1-1** or Principal/office for help. The **Principal/ staff may initiate LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES.**

### HOSTAGE SITUATION

**Immediately Scream "Help Me"** and Resist Restraint by your attacker – Your voice is one of your best weapons and may attract attention and fighting back may cause the attacker to give up and flee. If possible, never agree to be a willing victim. If you or a student or both have been placed under the control of your attacker and have become a hostage, **STAY CALM** at all times and cooperate completely with the hostage taker. Let Officials handle all negotiations.

## EARTHQUAKE

The following procedures should be activated for an Earthquake. **IF AN EARTHQUAKE OCCURS**, immediately, "Duck, Cover and Hold".

### DURING AN EARTHQUAKE IF YOU ARE INSIDE



#### DUCK or DROP

down on the floor.

- Take **COVER** under a sturdy desk, table or other furniture. If that is not possible, seek cover against an interior wall and protect your head and neck with your arms.
- Avoid danger spots near windows, hanging objects, mirrors or tall furniture.

- If you take cover under a sturdy piece of furniture, **HOLD** on to it and be prepared to move with it. Hold the position until the ground stops shaking and it is safe to move. Do not run outdoors.
- Do not use elevators.
- Follow directions of emergency personnel

### DURING AN EARTHQUAKE IF YOU ARE OUTSIDE

#### In a Multi-Purpose Room or Open room

Stay in your seat and protect your head and neck.

Do not rush for the exits.

Follow directions of emergency personnel.

#### In an Open Area

Move to a clear area if safe to do so. Avoid falling hazards.

Duck, cover and hold in an open area.

Protect your head and neck.  
Follow directions of emergency personnel.

## EARTHQUAKE

AFTER THE SHAKING STOPS	
If Inside a Campus Building	If Outdoors On Campus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expect aftershocks over the next hours or days.</li> <li>• Check yourself and others for injuries.</li> <li>• Report any injuries to <b>Principal/Site Administrator.</b></li> <li>• Use your training to provide first aid, use fire extinguishers, clean-up spills, etc.</li> <li>• Assess your surroundings, check for damage and hazardous conditions.</li> <li>• Report them to <b>Principal/Site Administrator.</b></li> <li>• Phone systems may be severely impacted.</li> <li>• Limit phone use to emergency calls only.</li> <li>• DO NOT EVACUATE AUTOMATICALLY. Outdoor hazards may be greater than indoor hazards.</li> <li>• If asked to evacuate to assembly areas, move swiftly.</li> <li>• Grab keys, personal items and emergency supplies only if convenient and safe to do so.</li> <li>• Follow directions of emergency responders.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay clear of buildings, trees or other falling hazard areas.</li> <li>• Move to evacuation assembly areas.</li> <li>• Follow directions of emergency personnel.</li> </ul>
	When To Go Home
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the event of a major earthquake, be prepared to stay on campus.</li> <li>• You should not try to get home until emergency personnel say it is safe, the streets are cleared for travel and most emergency conditions have been stabilized.</li> <li>• The campus is prepared to provide emergency care and shelter in accordance with DISTRICT Emergency preparedness plan.</li> </ul>



## FIRE

### Fire Drill Procedure

1. Know your exit route from the building (map posted near door)
2. Turn off all utilities.
3. Walk in single file line while exiting through regular classroom doors. Do not run.
4. Select one student leader to lead the class to the evacuation area.
5. Check to see if everyone is out of classroom
6. Windows and doors should be closed upon exiting.
7. Direct students to be quiet throughout the evacuation or drill
8. Walk to the evacuation assembly area.
9. Take roll
10. Do not return to the building until all clear signal is given.
11. Principal will give "all clear" announcement. Principal will record date and time if drill, and time taken to evacuate school.

**IF A FIRE ERRUPTS**, immediately **CALL 9-1-1**. Any time there is a fire on campus, of ANY size, the Fire Department must be called. The following procedures should be activated for a Fire at a school.

**TREAT ALL ALARMS LIKE A REAL EMERGENCY. DO NOT ASSUME IT'S A FALSE ALARM. THE ALARM MAY NOT SOUND CONTINUOUSLY. IF THE ALARM STOPS, CONTINUE TO EVACUATE.**

#### Fire Evacuation:

**Know the correct exit route from the building. (Map posted near door)**

#### WHEN FIRE OR SMOKE IS DISCOVERED IMMEDIATELY:

R	A	C	E
Rescue/Remove Persons in Immediate Danger	Activate Alarm and <b>CALL 9-1-1</b>	Confine/Contain the Fire. Close Door After Exiting Area.	<b>**Extinguish with Fire Extinguisher if Possible, or Evacuate</b>

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- Walk, **DO NOT RUN**, to the nearest safe exit. **DO NOT PUSH OR CROWD**.
- Feel doors bottom to top for heat using the back of your hand. **IF HOT DO NOT OPEN DOOR**. If not hot, open the door slowly standing behind and to one side. Be prepared to close quickly if fire is present.
- Proceed to Evacuation Assembly Area and take roll. Refer to Exit Routes"

**WHEN FIRE OR SMOKE IS DISCOVERED FOLLOW THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:**

1. Sound the School Alarm
2. Follow procedures for Fire drill
3. Notify 9-1-1
4. Students remain under direct control of teachers until released
5. Render first Aide if necessary
6. Fight incipient fires without endangering life. (fire extinguisher)
7. Keep parking lot and access roads open for emergency vehicles
8. Take roll
9. Notify Superintendent's Office
10. Students and staff should not return to the building unless directed
11. Fire Near School-
12. Determine need to evacuate the school if nearby poses an immediate threat to students in the building
13. Notify 9-1-1
14. Determine if students and staff should leave the school grounds. If the situation poses immediate danger, students and staff should evacuate for a safe location.

## **Using A FIRE EXTINGUISHER**

<b>P</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>
Pull Pin from handle	Aim at base of fire	Squeeze handle completely	Sweep from side to side



### **\*\* Additional Fire Extinguisher notes:**

- After extinguishing a fire, back away. Watch for re-ignition.
- Use fire extinguishers on small fires only – trash cans or smaller.
- Use the appropriate extinguisher for the type of fire.

### **If caught in smoke:**

- Drop to hands and knees and crawl to exit.  
Hold breath as much as possible.  
Breathe shallowly through nose and use dry clothing (shirt, jacket, other) as filter.

### **If trapped in a room:**

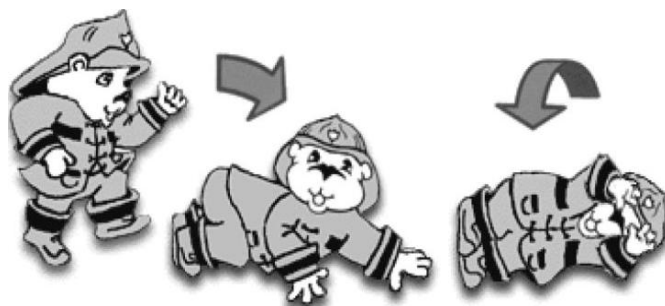
- Place cloth material around or under door to prevent smoke from entering.
- Retreat and close as many doors as possible between you and the fire.
- Be prepared to signal from window but do not break glass unless absolutely necessary.

### **If forced to advance through flames:**

- Hold your breath.
- Move quickly.
- Cover head and hair.
- Keep head down and eyes closed as much as possible.

### **If clothing catches fire:**

### **Stop, Drop, Roll**



## CIVIL DISTURBANCE

The following procedures should be activated for any Civil Disturbance: Riot, Gang Fight, at a school or district site. **IF A CIVIL DISTURBANCE, RIOT, OR GANG FIGHT** breaks out at a school or district site, immediately **Call Principal or Designee**

**(Follow Campus Emergency Management)** and supply any known details.

CIVIL DISTURBANCE, RIOT	FIGHT
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b><u>Call Principal or Designee.</u></b></li><li>2. Have students and school personnel leave the immediate area of disturbance.</li><li>3. Alert the campus by implementing the secure building signal and <b>follow LOCKDOWN procedures:</b></li></ol>	<p>In the event of a fight, immediately remove uninvolved students from the disturbance area.</p> <p>Report the incident to <b><u>Principal or Designee.</u></b></p> <p>Attempt to de-escalate the situation verbally, do not physically intervene.</p> <p>Monitor and wait for additional personnel. Principal will dispatch campus personnel to break up the disturbance or if necessary call 9-1-1 to the campus.</p>

## VICIOUS ANIMAL

The following procedures should be activated for any Vicious or Venomous Animal, at a school or district site. **IF A VICIOUS OR VENOMOUS ANIMAL is reported at a school or district site,** immediately **Call Principal or Designee (Follow Campus Emergency Management)** and supply any known details.

In the case of a bite or other injury caused by a wandering or venomous animal, immediately

**CALL 9-1-1** for dispatch of emergency medical assistance and report the incident to **Principal**. Untrained persons should not attempt to approach animals. Only trained animal technicians should handle animals. Any direct physical contact with an unknown animal, especially if it results in a bite or scratch, could have serious consequences.

Wandering Animal	Vicious or Venomous Animal
<p>Any animal that is wandering loose on campus should be reported immediately <b><u>to the Office</u></b>.</p> <p>If an animal such as a bat or a raccoon is inside a building, try to safely isolate it in a room by closing doors behind it and keeping people away.</p> <p>If you are unable to isolate the animal, clear the area and wait for Animal Control Services to handle the situation.</p>	<p><b>Bob Cat, Black Widow, Brown Recluse Spider, Mountain Lion, Rattle Snake, or Others.</b></p> <p>Be prepared to give your name, location, and type of animal involved.</p> <p>Try to remove the affected person and yourself from danger.</p> <p>Go indoors and take roll.</p> <p>Help the victim immobilize the bite area, and make the victim as comfortable as possible until medical or other assistance arrives.</p>

## GUN ON CAMPUS

The following procedures should be activated for a Gun On Campus, at a school or district site.

**IF A GUN IS ON CAMPUS**, immediately Call **Principal** and supply any known details. Do not attempt to remove gun. Wait for support.

**If a hostile person(s) is actively causing deadly harm or the imminent threat of deadly harm**

### FOLLOW LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES:

- Lock and barricade yourself and students in (and the intruder out of) the room you are in at the time of the threatening activity. Stay away from windows and lie flat on the floor. Stay calm and quiet.
- **DO NOT** stay in the open hall and **DO NOT** sound the fire alarm. A fire alarm would signal the occupants in the rooms to evacuate the building and thus place them in potential harm as they attempted to exit.
- **If you are caught in an open area** such as a hallway or multi-purpose room type area, you must decide what action to take. Here are **some action suggestions**.
- **Try to hide**, but make sure it is a well-hidden space or you may be found as the intruder moves through the building looking for victims.
- **Run! Evacuate only If you think you can safely make it out of the building.** If you decide to run, **DO NOT** run in a straight line. Keep any objects you can between you and the hostile person(s) while in the building. Once outside, **don't run in a straight line**. Use trees, vehicles or any other object to block you from view as you run. When away from the immediate area of danger, summon help any way you can and warn others.
- The **last option** you have if caught in an open area or in a corridor, may be to **fight back or "defend"**. This is dangerous, but depending on your situation, this could be your last option.
- **If you are caught** by the intruder and are not going to fight back, **follow their directions and don't look the intruder in the eyes**.
- Once the police arrive, obey all commands. This may involve your being handcuffed or made to put your hands in the air. This is done for safety reasons and once circumstances are evaluated by the police, they will give you further directions to follow.

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The following procedures should be activated for any Hazardous Materials found or suspected, at a school or district sites. **IF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ARE FOUND OR SUSPECTED**, immediately **Call Principal** (**Follow Campus Emergency Management**) and supply any known details. An uncontrolled spill or release of any hazardous material is defined as any amount that is greater than what you are normally equipped to deal with.

SPILL	AIRBORNE RELEASE
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Get out of the area. Move upwind and uphill of the spill. Assess persons in and around the affected area for any sign of exposure.</li> <li>2. <b>IF the 9-1-1 emergency responders deploy the <u>Santa Clara County Hazmat Team</u></b>, they will determine the appropriate action to seal the room or area.</li> <li>3. If a building emergency exists, activate the fire alarm. Evacuate the building to the nearest available exit.</li> <li>4. Move to evacuation assembly areas. Take roll and follow directions of emergency responders.</li> <li>5. <b><u>DO NOT</u></b> return to an evacuated unless authorized by the <b><u>Principal</u></b>.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Activate Shelter-In-Place Procedure.</b></li> <li>2. Close all doors to the outside and lock all windows.</li> <li>3. Turn off fume hoods, range hoods, air handlers, and all air conditioners and switch inlets to the "closed" position. Seal any gaps around window type air conditioners.</li> <li>4. Seal off all vents, grills, or other openings to the outside to the extent possible.</li> <li>5. If the gases bother you, hold a wet cloth or handkerchief over your nose and mouth.</li> <li>6. <b><u>DO NOT</u></b> evacuate the building unless told to do so by the <b><u>Principal</u></b>.</li> <li>7. <b><u>The Principal</u></b> will advise the campus or site of an "<b>ALL CLEAR</b>" condition when the danger has been resolved and removed from the vicinity and exiting the building is safe.</li> </ol>

## EXPLOSION OR FALLEN AIRCRAFT

**IF AN EXPLOSION or FALLEN AIRCRAFT OCCURS**, immediately **CALL 9-1-1**. The following procedures should be activated for an explosion, or threat of explosion, at a school or district site such as those caused by chemicals, leaking gas, faulty boilers, falling aircraft or other.

**IF AN EXPLOSION OF ANY TYPE OCCURS**, Call 9-1-1 and then Call Principal (Follow **Campus Emergency Management**) and supply any known details.

### IF YOU ARE INSIDE A BUILDING

Give **DROP** command. Seek cover under a desk, table or other heavy furniture to help provide protection from flying glass and debris.

- Sound building fire alarm. Immediately Call Principal.
- Be aware of possible further explosions. Watch for falling objects.
- Follow directions by Principal.

Remain inside the building until you receive instructions from your Campus Emergency Management Team that it is safe to exit.

If an evacuation is in order, leave the building immediately. **DO NOT** move seriously injured persons unless they are in obvious immediate danger (of fire, building collapse, etc.).

Feel doors for heat from bottom to top using the back of your hand before opening. If hot, do not open. If **NOT** hot, open door slowly standing behind and to one side. Be prepared to close quickly if fire is present.

If caught in smoke drop to hands and knees and crawl to exit. Hold breath as much as possible. Breathe shallowly through nose and use dry clothing (shirt, jacket, other) as filter.

Proceed to your evacuation assembly area or other safe area. Take roll.

### IF YOU ARE OUTSIDE THE BUILDING

1. Follow **DROP, COVER & HOLD** command.
2. Proceed to your evacuation assembly area or other safe area. Take roll.
3. Follow directions of emergency response personnel.



## UTILITY FAILURE/ FLOOD

The following procedures should be activated for a Utility Failure/Flood, at a school or district site, such as those caused by Gas Leaks, Ventilation, Elevator Failure, Plumbing/Flooding, and Electrical Failure or other. **IF A UTILITY FAILURE/FLOOD OF ANY TYPE OCCURS**, immediately **Call Principal** (Follow Campus Emergency Management) and supply any known details.

STUDENT SAFETY	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If you smell gas or burning odors, evacuate the area immediately and take roll.</li> <li>2. If students are in danger by rising water caused by faulty plumbing, water main break, or severe weather, immediately move the students to a dry area or higher ground and take roll.</li> <li>3. Remain calm and follow directions by <b><u>Principal</u></b>. They will contact the Safety Director at Facilities Maintenance for information regarding the scope and expected length of the utility failure. If required, <b><u>Principal</u></b> will coordinate the early release of students to parents following proper release procedures.</li> <li>4. Do not re-enter area/building unless you are told it is safe.</li> <li>5. If you are responsible for an area with a critical back-up generator and it does not begin to operate, contact DISTRICT Facilities Maintenance.</li> </ol>	
UTILITY PROBLEMS	
<b>Call DISTRICT Facilities Maintenance at 408-223-3763 or AFTER HOURS 9-1-1 or 3-1-1</b>	
<b>Gas Leaks</b>	Vacate area.
<b>Ventilation</b>	If smoke or strong burning odors occur, evacuate immediately.
<b>Plumbing/Flooding</b>	If personal safety allows, shut off electrical equipment and evacuate area.
<b>Electrical Failure</b>	If personal safety allows, shut off electrical equipment and follow directions by <b><u>Principal</u></b> .
FLOODING	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b><u>Principal</u></b> will direct the immediate shut off electrical equipment located in or around the area being flooded.</li> <li>2. Follow Student Safety guidelines 1 to 6 above.</li> </ol>	

## BOMB THREAT

The following procedures should be activated for a Bomb Threat, at a school or district site.

**IF A BOMB THREAT OF ANY TYPE OCCURS**, immediately Call Principal (Follow Campus Emergency Management) and supply any known details.

**Follow these steps:**

- Listen carefully and get information and **DO NOT** interrupt the caller.
- Complete checklist and report bomb threat to Principal.

### BOMB THREAT CHECKLIST

**DO NOT Interrupt The Caller Except To Ask The Following Questions:**

<b>When will it go off?</b>	
<b>Where is it placed?</b>	
<b>What does it look like?</b>	

Sex	Background Noises	Characteristics of Voice?
<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know	<input type="checkbox"/> Airplanes <input type="checkbox"/> Animals <input type="checkbox"/> Boats <input type="checkbox"/> Factory Machines <input type="checkbox"/> Music <input type="checkbox"/> Office Machines <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet <input type="checkbox"/> Street Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Trains <input type="checkbox"/> Voices <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Is Caller Familiar with Building?	
Age		Voice Accent?
<input type="checkbox"/> Under 21 <input type="checkbox"/> 21-40 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 40 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know		
Manner		Use of Certain Words or Phrases?
<input type="checkbox"/> Rational <input type="checkbox"/> Coherent <input type="checkbox"/> Incoherent <input type="checkbox"/> Angry <input type="checkbox"/> Nervous <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
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<b>Location:</b> _____ <b>Telephone Number:</b> _____		

## SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE- BOMB THREAT

The following procedures should be activated for any Suspicious Package/Mail received at a school or district site. **IF YOU RECEIVE OR DISCOVER A SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE, LETTER OR OBJECT**, at a school or district site, immediately **Call Principal or Designee** (Follow Campus Emergency Management) and supply any known details.

**DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES TOUCH, TAMPER WITH OR MOVE item.!**

### Characteristics of Suspicious Letters and Packages

- **Origin-Postmark doesn't match the city of the return address, name of sender is unusual or unknown, or no return address is given.**
- **Balance-The Letter is lopsided or an unusually thick weight – the letter or package seems heavy for its size.**
- **Protruding wires, strange odors or stains.**
- **An unusual amount of tape.**
- **Buzzing, ticking or a sloshing sound.**
- **Irregular shape, soft spots or bulges.**
- **Excessive weight for its size.**
- **Letter bombs may feel rigid or appear uneven or lopsided.**

- A. Even though 90% of threats are hoaxes. The chance remains that a threat is authentic. Appropriate action should be taken to provide for the safety of personnel and to locate the device so it can be neutralized.
- B. If an anonymous phone call or written message is received regarding placement of bombs or explosives in a building or on the campus, certain procedures shall be followed immediately.
  1. If the message is a phone call, collect as much specific information as possible about the device and the person calling. Hang up and notify the Principal immediately.
  2. If the message is in the form of a letter or email, the manner in which it arrived, who received it, and where found should be noted. Care should be taken handling the message so possible fingerprints can be detected.
- C. The Principal shall take appropriate action which shall include:
  1. Determine whether or not to evacuate the site (a minimum of 300 feet)
  2. Call 9-1-1
  3. Notify Superintendent's Office
  4. Assist Police with search as necessary
- D. Appropriate action may include
  1. Preliminary visual search by volunteer staff person in their own areas
  2. Search of outside premises.
  3. Evacuation of site.
- E. If suspected explosive device is found:
  1. **DO NOT TOUCH ITEM!**
  2. Report it to the Police
  3. Evacuate to a safe location
  4. Open doors and windows to reduce potential damage.

## **POISONING, CHEMICAL SPILLS, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

### **POISONING:**

If a student ingests a poisonous substance:

- ☐ Call Poison Control Center Link Line 1-800-222-1222. Take appropriate first aid measures.
- ☐ Call parents.
- ☐ Notify the Health Services Office.

**Following any emergency, notify the District Superintendents' Office**

### **CHEMICAL SPILL ON SITE:**

The following are guidelines for Chemical Spills:

- ☐ Evacuate the immediate area of personnel
- ☐ Determine whether to initiate Shelter In Place Protocol
- ☐ Secure the area (block points of entry)
- ☐ Identify the chemical and follow the procedures for that particular chemical.
- ☐ Notify the District Office.

### **CHEMICAL SPILL OFF SITE INVOLVING DISTRICT EQUIPMENT/PROPERTY**

- ☐ Notify the District Office with the following information:
  - ✓ Date, time, and exact location of the release or threatened release
  - ✓ Name and telephone number of person reporting
  - ✓ Type of chemical involved and the estimated quantity
  - ✓ Description of potential hazards presented by the spill
  - ✓ Document time and date notification made
  - ✓ Other emergency personnel responding (Highway Patrol,

CALTRANS, etc.)

- ☐ Locate a fire extinguisher and have it present, should the need arise
- ☐ Place reflective triangles or traffic cones if in the street or highway. DO NOT LIGHT FLARES!
- ☐ If spill response equipment is available, use it to take the necessary measures to prevent the spill from spreading.

### **Reporting Chemical Spills**

Once an emergency spill response has been completed, the person reporting the initial spill must complete a SPILL RESPONSE EVALUATION. The incident must be reported to the Superintendent WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE SPILL.

### **Spill Clean Up**

**School personnel may not clean up chemical Spills. Call the District Office at Maintenance Department, extension 70117 or from outside 223-3735. The cleanup will be coordinated through a designated contractor.**

### **HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES**

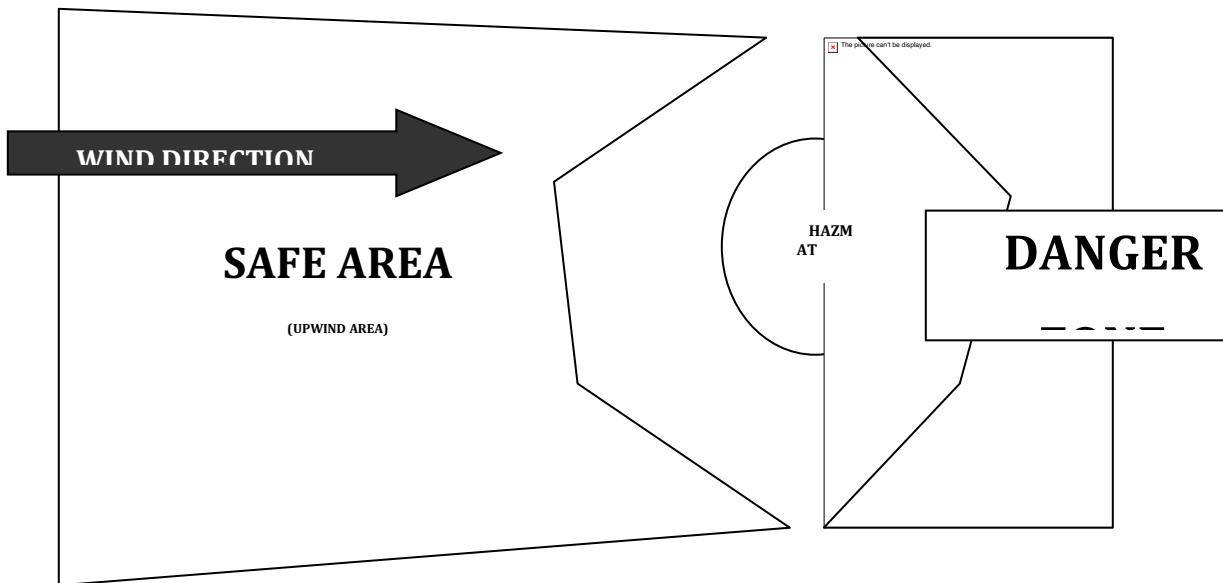
Hazardous Substances include the following, but is not limited to the following:

Gasoline	Lacquer Thinner	Airborne Gases/Fumes
Solvents	Paint	Break Fluid
Motor Oil	Agricultural Spray	Anti-Freeze
Diesel Fuel	Paint Thinner	Kerosene

Always call the Office for immediate assistance or from outside the building

Extinguish all ignition sources

- ☐ Shut off main emergency switch to fuel pump, if appropriate
- ☐ Move appropriate fire extinguishing equipment to area
- ☐ If possible, contain the spill to prevent further contamination
- ☐ Move people/personnel away or evacuate from contamination area



Staff and students will evacuate the area immediately, if appropriate. **Move uphill, upwind, upstream if possible.**

### VEHICLE FUEL SPILL

When a spill has occurred, the first thing to do is to keep the situation from worsening. Follow these steps:

- ☐ Shut off emergency switch
- ☐ Avoid skin contact
- ☐ Isolate the spill from people and vehicles by blocking all points of entry
- ☐ Stop and evaluate any hazards
- ☐ Prevent discharge into storm drains. Divert the flow by sealing off areas with absorbents. Prevent runoff. Use absorbent "socks" to contain the spill
- ☐ Identify the source, estimated quantity spilled and stop further release(s) - IF IT CAN BE DONE SAFELY
- ☐ Take care of any injured
- ☐ Notify the District Office.
- ☐ If the spill is unmanageable, contact the Fire Department by calling 9-1-1

If, after attempted containment, the release still poses either a present or a potential threat, notify the California Office of Emergency Services and local emergency assistance organizations (fire, police, etc.). Give the following information:

- ✓ Date, time, and exact location of the release
- ✓ Name and telephone number of persons reporting the release
- ✓ The type of fuel spilled and the estimated quantity
- ✓ Description of potential hazards presented by the fuel spill
- ✓ Document the time and date notification was made and the information provided

A written report to the appropriate office of the California Department of Health Services is required within 15 days after the incident. Contact the District for assistance with this report.

## **Emergency Evacuation Routes and Procedures**

### **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.

### **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 staff with cars to help transport evacuees.



- ☐ Direct the evacuation, assure all students/staff are accounted for as they depart and arrive.

## MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Calmly and carefully, assess the medical emergency you are faced with. Take only those measures you are qualified to perform.

You should always wear latex or rubber gloves to prevent contact with bodily fluids.

### Rescue Breathing

- ☐ Gently tilt the head back and lift the chin to open the airway.
- ☐ Pinch the nose closed.
- ☐ Give two slow breaths into the mouth.
- ☐ Breathe into an adult once every five seconds, and for children or infants breathe gently once every three seconds.
- ☐ If you are doing the procedure correctly, you should see the chest rise and fall.

### To Stop Bleeding

- ☐ Apply direct pressure to the wound.
- ☐ Maintain the pressure until the bleeding stops.
- ☐ If bleeding is from an arm or leg, and if the limb is not broken, elevate it above the level of the heart.
- ☐ If limb appears to be broken, minimize any movement, but take what measures are necessary to stop the bleeding.

### Treatment for Shock

- ☐ Do whatever is necessary to keep the person's body temperature as close to normal as possible.
- ☐ Attempt to rule out a broken neck or back.
- ☐ If no back or neck injury is present, slightly elevate the person's legs.

### Choking

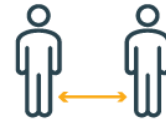
- ☐ Stand behind the person, reaching your arms around the person choking
- ☐ Place the thumb side of one of your fists against the person's abdomen, just above the navel and well below the end of the breastbone.
- ☐ Grasp your fist with your other hand, give an abdominal thrust.
- ☐ Repeat until the object comes out.
- ☐ If required, begin rescue breathing.

# COVID-19/ Infectious Disease

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Control and Prevention

## How COVID/ Infectious Diseases Spreads

COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person to person, including being physically near each other (within about 6 feet). People who are infected but do not show symptoms to others. Cases of re-infection with COVID-19 have been reported but are rare.

### **Infectious Diseases spreads very easily from person to person**

How easily a virus spreads from person to person can vary. The virus that causes COVID-19 appears less contagious than influenza but not as efficiently as measles, which is among the most contagious viruses known. Current information supports close contact for a combination of fifteen minutes.

- People who are physically near (within 6 feet) a person with who is ill or have direct contact have greatest risk of infection.
- When people who are ill cough, sneeze, sing, talk, or breathe they produce respiratory droplets, these range in size from larger droplets (some of which are visible) to smaller droplets. Small droplets when they dry very quickly in the airstream.
- Infections occur mainly through exposure to respiratory droplets when a person is in close contact with an ill person or were infected were in the same space during the same time or shortly after the person.
- Available data indicate that it is much more common for the virus that causes COVID-19 to spread through close contact with a person who has COVID-19 than through airborne transmission.

### **COVID-19 spreads less commonly through contaminated surfaces**

- Respiratory droplets can also land on surfaces and objects. It is possible

that a person could touch a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes

- Spread from touching surfaces is not thought to be a common way that COVID-19 spreads

## ***Protect yourself and others***

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. You can take steps to slow the spread.

- Stay at least 6 feet away from others, whenever possible. This is very important in preventing the spread of the virus.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others. This helps reduce the risk of and by airborne transmission.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid crowded indoor spaces and ensure indoor spaces are properly ventilated by bringing our door air in when possible. In general, being outdoors and in spaces with good ventilation reduces the risk of respiratory droplets.
- Stay home and isolate from others when sick.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and take other steps to stop the spread of the virus.
- Always cover your cough.

Prevention and Mitigation Resources can be found at [SCC.gov](https://www.scc.gov) and the Centers for Disease Control

## STANDARDIZED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (SEMS)

### **The Basic Plan**

#### *Requirements*

The Plan meets the requirements of Santa Clara County's policies on Emergency Response and Planning, the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) Operational Area Response, and defines the primary and support roles of the District and individual schools in after-incident damage assessment and reporting requirements.

#### **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.

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. Mt. Pleasant has agreed to provide access and has signed MOU.

*California Education Code, Sections 35295-35297 (The Katz Act), Section 40041, 40042.*

Requires that a school site disaster plan outline roles, responsibilities, and procedures for students and staff. It also requires that the school site emergency management organizational structure comply with SEMS, Title 19 Section 2400, and be ready for implementation at all times.

### **California Emergency Plan**

Promulgated by the Governor, and published in accordance with the California Emergency Services Act, it provides overall statewide authorities and responsibilities, and describes the functions and operations of government at all levels during extraordinary emergencies, including wartime. Section 8568 of the Act states, in part, that "...the State Emergency Plan shall be in effect in each political subdivision of the state, and the governing body of each political subdivision shall take such action as

may be necessary to carry out the provisions thereof." Therefore, local emergency plans are considered extensions of the California Emergency Plan.

### **Definitions: Incidents, Emergencies, Disasters**

#### **Incident**

An *incident* is an occurrence or event, either human-caused or caused by natural phenomena, that requires action by emergency response personnel to prevent or minimize loss of life or damage to property and/or natural resources.

Incidents may result in extreme peril to the safety of persons and property and may lead to, or create conditions of disaster. Incidents may also be rapidly mitigated without loss or damage. Although they may not meet disaster level definition, larger incidents may call for managers to proclaim a "Local Emergency".

Incidents are usually a single event that may be small or large. They occur in a defined geographical area and require local resources or, sometimes, mutual aid. There is usually one to a few agencies involved in dealing with an ordinary threat to life and property and to a limited population. Usually a local emergency is not declared and the jurisdictional EOC is not activated. Incidents are usually of short duration, measured in hours or, at most, a few days. Primary command decisions are made at the scene along with strategy, tactics, and resource management decisions

#### **Emergency**

The term *emergency* is used in several ways. It is a condition of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property. In this context, an emergency and an incident could mean the same thing, although an emergency could have more than one incident associated with it.

*Emergency* is also used in Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) terminology to describe agencies or facilities, e.g., Emergency Response Agency, Emergency Operations Center, etc.

*Emergency* also defines a conditional state such as a proclamation of "Local Emergency". The California Emergency Services Act, of which SEMS is a part, describes three states of emergency:

- State of War Emergency
- State of Emergency
- State of Local Emergency

#### **Disaster**

A *disaster* is defined as a sudden calamitous emergency event bringing great damage, loss, or destruction. Disasters may occur with little or no advance warning, e.g., an earthquake or a flash flood, or they may develop from one or more incidents, e.g., a major wildfire or hazardous materials discharge.

Disasters are either single or multiple events that have many separate incidents associated with them. The resource demand goes beyond local capabilities and extensive mutual aid and support are needed. There are many agencies and jurisdictions involved including multiple layers of government. There is usually an extraordinary threat to life and property affecting a generally widespread population and geographical area. A disaster's effects last over a substantial period of time (days to weeks) and local government will proclaim a Local Emergency. Emergency Operations Centers are activated to provide centralized overall coordination of jurisdictional assets, departments and incident support functions. Initial recovery coordination is also a responsibility of the EOCs.

### ***Responsibilities for a School Disaster***

Everyone at a school will have some responsibilities in an emergency based on their role, and some people will have additional responsibilities. Below is a short discussion of how the Standard Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS) is adapted at the school. Staff will be trained bi-annually on SEMS, new staff trained during orientation.

## ***Major Concepts and Components***

Every emergency, no matter how large or small, requires that certain tasks be performed. In ICS, these tasks are called *Management, Planning, Operations, Logistics, and Finance/Administration*.

1. Under SEMS, the ICS team can be expanded or reduced, depending on the situation and the immediate needs. One person can do more than one function.
2. Every incident needs a person in charge. In SEMS and ICS, this person is called the *Incident Commander* or *School Commander*.
3. No one person should be supervise more than seven people (the optimum number is five). This does not apply to the Student Supervision Team under *Operations*, however.

### ***Common Terminology:***

All teachers and staff in the school should use the same words to refer to the same actions. The terminology should be known *before* a disaster. SEMS is a system that, when used properly, affords common terminology.

If the fire department or other responding agencies come on campus, they will coordinate better with the site's command structure if similar situations and actions are described with similar wording

### ***Incident Command System Functions:***

This system provides for an effective and coordinated response to multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional emergencies, to include multi-disciplines and;

- Facilitates the flow of information within and between all levels of the system.
- Facilitates interaction and coordination among all responding agencies.
- Improves the processes of mobilization, deployment, tracking, and demobilization of needed mutual aid resources.
- Reduces the incidence of ineffective coordination and communications, and avoid duplication of resource ordering in multi-agency and multi-jurisdiction response actions.

### **Incident/School Commander (The "leader")**

The Management Section is responsible for overall policy, direction, and coordination of the emergency response effort in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) throughout the Mt. Pleasant School District. The Management Section Staff is also responsible for interacting with each other and others within the EOC to ensure the effective function of the EOC organization.

### **Operations Section (The "doers")**

The Operations Section is responsible for coordinating all operations in support of the emergency response and for implementing action plans. This section includes response teams that work toward reduction of the immediate hazard, mitigating damage, and establishing control and restoration of normal operations.

### **Planning/Intelligence Section (The "thinkers")**

The Planning and Intelligence Section is responsible for collecting, evaluating, and disseminating information; maintaining documentation; and evaluating incoming information to determine the potential situation in the not-too-distant future. This section also develops District EOC/Field action plans for implementation by the Operations Section.

### **Logistics Section (The "getters")**

The Logistics Section is responsible for providing all types of support for the emergency response operation. This section orders all resources from off-site locations and provides facilities, services, personnel, equipment, transportation, and materials.

### **Finance and Administration Section (The "collectors")**

The Finance and Administration Section is responsible for accounting and financial activities such as establishing contracts with vendors, keeping pay records, and accounting for expenditures. This section is also responsible for all other administrative requirements and acts as the clearinghouse for documentation during the recovery phase.

Routine use of ICS facilitates seamless integration of ICS into larger emergencies operations as they evolve. The key to ICS is remembering to focus on the functions and where possible, delegate authority to staff essential functions to distribute the workload.

### **Unified Command Structure**

Unified Command is a procedure used at incidents that allows all agencies with geographical, legal, or functional responsibility to establish a common set of incident objectives and strategies, and a single Incident Action Plan. The use of Unified Command is a valuable tool to help ensure a coordinated multi-agency response. Unified Command procedures assure agencies that they do not lose their individual responsibility, authority, or accountability.

Unified Command is highly flexible. As the incident changes over time with different disciplines moving into primary roles, the Unified Command structure and personnel assignments can change to meet the need.

### **Staff Training:**

School Staff have been trained in the Incident Command System. Staff will receive ongoing training annually on SEMS and specific roles within the ICS System



School ICS charts will be updated annually by September 30<sup>th</sup>, A completed copy is to be kept in School Office and a copy submitted to the Superintendent's Office. A blank copy s in back of Plan.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICE WORKERS- DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**

### **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 the school pays their overtime pay. These circumstances apply only when a local or state emergency is declared.

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1. When a local emergency has been proclaimed,
2. When a state of emergency has been proclaimed, or
3. When a federal disaster declaration has been made.

California Civil Code, Chapter 9, Section 1799.102It 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.")

### ***Levels of Response in an Emergency***

#### ***Response Levels are used to describe the type of event:***

The area(s) affected, the extent of coordination or assistance needed, and the degree of participation expected from the School District. Response Levels are closely tied to Emergency Proclamations issued by the head of local government.

#### ***Response Level 0 - Readiness & Routine Phase***

On-going routine response by the School District to daily emergencies or incidents. Stand-by and alert procedures issued in advance of an anticipated or planned event.

#### ***Response Level 3 - Local Emergency***

A minor to moderate incident in which local resources are adequate and available. This level of emergency response occurs when an emergency incident, e.g., gas leak, sewer back-up, assaults, bomb threat, toxic spill, medical emergency, shooting, etc., occurs. A Level 3 response requires School/Site Coordinators to implement guidelines in the Emergency Standard Operating Procedures and interact with public agencies.

#### ***Response Level 2 - Local Disaster***

A moderate to severe emergency in which resources are not adequate and mutual aid may be required on a regional, even statewide basis with coordination with local police and fire departments of the affected are working in concert with Mt. Pleasant School District to respond. The affected Cities and the County of Santa Clara will proclaim a local emergency. Then, the State of California may declare a state of emergency.

#### ***Response Level 1 - Major Disaster***

Resources in or near the impacted areas are overwhelmed and extensive State and Federal resources are required. The cities and the County of Santa Clara will proclaim a local emergency. Then, the State of California will declare a State of Emergency. A Presidential

Declaration of an Emergency or Major Disaster is requested by the State. When local jurisdictions declare a State of Emergency, the district board can declare the same.

## **EMERGENCY PHASES**

Some emergencies will be preceded by a build-up or warning period, providing sufficient time to warn the population and implement mitigation measures designated to reduce loss of life and property damage. Other emergencies occur with little or no advance warning, thus requiring immediate activation of the emergency operations plan and commitment of resources. All employees must be prepared to respond promptly and effectively to any foreseeable emergency, including the provision and use of mutual aid.

Emergency management activities during peacetime and national security emergencies are often associated with the phases indicated below. However, not every disaster necessarily includes all indicated phases.

Prevention/Mitigation is perhaps the most important phase of emergency management. However, it is often the least used and generally the most cost effective. Mitigation is often thought of as taking actions to strengthen facilities, abatement of nearby hazards, and reducing the potential damage either to structures or their contents, while prevention is taking steps to avoid potential problems. Both of these elements require education of parents, students, and teachers.

While it is not possible to totally eliminate either the destructive force of a potential disaster or its effects, doing what can be done to minimize the effects may create a safer environment that will result in lower response costs and fewer casualties.

### **Preparedness Phase**

The preparedness phase involves activities taken in advance of an emergency. These activities develop operational capabilities and responses to a disaster. Those identified in this plan as having either a primary or support mission relative to response and review Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) or checklists detailing personnel assignments, policies, notification procedures, and resource lists. Personnel are acquainted with these SOPs and checklists and periodically are trained in activation and execution.

### **Response Phase**

**Pre-Impact:** Recognition of the approach of a potential disaster where actions are taken to save lives and protect property. Warning systems may be activated and resources may be mobilized, EOCs may be activated and evacuation may begin.

**Immediate Impact:** Emphasis is placed on saving lives, controlling the situation, and minimizing the effects of the disaster. Incident Command Posts and EOCs may be activated, and emergency instructions may be issued.

**Sustained:** As the emergency continues, assistance is provided to victims of the disaster and efforts are made to reduce secondary damage. Response support facilities may be established. The resource requirements continually change to meet the needs of the incident.

### **Recovery Phase**

Recovery is taking all actions necessary to restore the area to pre-event conditions or better, if possible. Therefore, mitigation for future hazards plays an important part in the recovery phase for many emergencies. There is no clear time separation between response and recovery. In fact, planning for recovery should be a part of the response phase

## **STUDENT RELEASE - DISTRICT AND PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITY**

If the superintendent declares a district emergency during the school day, the following procedures will be followed:

IN CASE OF A DECLARED EMERGENCY BY THE SUPERINTENDENT DURING SCHOOL HOURS, ALL STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO REMAIN AT SCHOOL OR AT AN ALTERNATE SAFE SITE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR OTHER PERSONNEL ASSIGNED BY THE PRINCIPAL.

1. Until regular dismissal time and released only then if it is considered safe, OR
2. Until released to an adult authorized by the parent or legal guardian whose name appears on district records.
  - a. If students are on their way to school, they will be brought to school if bussed, they should proceed to school if walking without an adult
  - b. If students are on their way home from school, they are to continue home.

During a Declared Emergency, those students who have not been picked up by their parents or other authorized person may be taken by district personnel to another site where consolidated care facilities can be provided. This information will be given to the media stations, sent via phone if available, and posted at the site to keep parents informed.

### *PARENT RESPONSIBILITY*

Parents and legal guardians of students will be provided with a Student Health/Emergency Form to be updated each year. In case of a Declared Emergency, students will be released ONLY to persons designated on this form. Parents are responsible for ensuring that information on the Student Health/Enrollment Form is current at all times.

Parents are asked to share with the schools the responsibility for informing students of what they should do in case of a severe earthquake or other major emergency. Parents need to give specific directions to each student to follow the policy outlined above and to follow the directions of school personnel.

School authorities will do everything possible to care for each student while he/she is under district supervision. In case of a an emergency, It is critical that students do not have directions from parents that are contrary to the district's stated policy on retention at school and authorized release.

## Triage Guidelines

Triage is defined as *the sorting of patients into categories of priority for care based on injuries and medical emergencies*. This process is used at the scene of multiple-victim disasters and emergencies when there are more victims than there are rescuers trained in emergency care.

Incidents that involve a large number of casualties, and have a delay in the response time of emergency medical services, require a special form of triage. The modified triage system that is in most common use is the S.T.A.R.T. (**S**imple **T**riage **A**nd **R**apid **T**reatment) Plan. In this plan, patients are triaged into very broad categories that are based on the need for treatment and the chances of survival under the circumstances of the disaster. These categories are listed below:

<b>TRIAGE Priorities</b>
<b>Highest Priority - RED TAG</b>
1. Airway and breathing difficulties
2. Cardiac arrest
3. Uncontrolled or suspected severe bleeding
4. Severe head injuries
5. Severe medical problems
6. Open chest or abdominal wounds
7. Severe shock
<b>Second Priority - YELLOW TAG</b>
1. Burns
2. Major multiple fractures
3. Back injuries with or without spinal cord damage
<b>Third Priority - GREEN TAG</b>
1. Fractures or other injuries of a minor nature
<b>Lowest Priority - BLACK</b>
2. Obviously mortal wounds where death appears reasonably certain
3. Obviously deceased



## **S.T.A.R.T. PLAN TRIAGE CHECKLIST**

**This method allows rapid identification of those patients who are at greatest risk for early death and the provision for basic life-saving stabilization techniques.**

- ☐ **Initial contact** Identify self, and direct all patients who can walk to gather and remain in a safe place. Tag these people **GREEN**
- ☐ Begin evaluating the non-ambulatory patients where they are lying.

### **Assess respiration (normal, rapid, absent)**

- ☐ If absent, open airway to see if breathing begins
- ☐ If not breathing, tag **BLACK** (dead) DO NOT PERFORM C P R
- ☐ If patient needs assistance to maintain open airway, or respiratory rate is greater than 30 per minute, tag **RED** (attempt to use a bystander to hold airway open)
- ☐ If respiration is normal, go to next step

### *Assess perfusion (pulse, bleeding)*

- ☐ Use the capillary refill test to check radial (wrist) pulse
- ☐ If capillary refill test is greater than 2 seconds, or radial pulse is absent, tag **RED**
- ☐ If capillary refill is less than 2 seconds, or radial pulse is present, go to next step.
- ☐ Any life-threatening bleeding should be controlled at this time, and if possible, raise patient's legs to treat for shock (attempt to use a bystander to hold pressure/bleeding control)

### *Assess Mental Status (commands, movement)*

- ☐ Use simple commands/tasks to assess
- ☐ If patient cannot follow simple commands, tag **RED**
- ☐ If patient can follow simple commands, they will be tagged **YELLOW** or **GREEN**
- ☐ This will depend on other conditions, where their injuries will determine the priority of **YELLOW** versus **GREEN** (i.e. multiple fractures would require a higher level of treatment than superficial lacerations)
- ☐ Identify self, and direct all patients who can walk to gather and remain in a safe place. Tag these people **GREEN**
- ☐ Begin evaluating the non-ambulatory patients where they are lying.

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## SUICIDE THREAT

The publications of many organizations and governmental agencies contain advice for people who are faced with suicidal people. That advice is summarized below.

### Do's

Listen to what the person is saying and take her/his suicidal threat seriously. Many times a person may be looking for just that assurance.

- Observe      the person's nonverbal behavior. In children and adolescents, facial expressions, body language, and other concrete signs often are more telling than what the person says.
- Ask            whether the person is really thinking about suicide. If the answer is "YES," ask how she/he plans to do it and what steps have already been taken. This will convince the person of your attention and let you know how serious the threat is.
- GET HELP    by contacting an appropriate Crisis Response Team member. Never attempt to handle a potential suicide alone.
- STAY          with the person. Take the person to a CRT member and stay with that person for a while. The person has placed trust in you, so you must help transfer that trust to the other person.

### Don'ts

- Don't        leave the person alone.
- Don't        act shocked or be sworn to secrecy.
- Don't        underestimate or brush aside a suicide threat ("You won't really do it; you're not the type"), or to shock or challenge the person ("Go ahead. Do it"). The person may already feel rejected and unnoticed, and you should not add to the burden.
- Don't        let the person convince you that the crisis is over. The most dangerous time is precisely when the person seems to be feeling better. Sometimes, after a suicide method has been selected, the person may appear happy and relaxed. You should, therefore, stay involved until you get help.
- Don't        take too much upon yourself alone. Your responsibility to the person in a crisis is limited to listening, being supportive, and getting her/him to a trained professional. Under no circumstances should you attempt to counsel the person.

**Notify parent/guardian, administration provides resources and document what has occurred.**

## **MASS CASUALTY**

In the event of a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI):

- ☐ Determine what the problem is and **call 9-1-1** for local emergency services.

**Note:** A casualty is a victim of an accident or disaster.

- ☐ Identify the problem and give the school address.
- ☐ Site administrators decide whether or not to activate the School Site Disaster First Aid Team protocols (See School Site Disaster Plan).
- ☐ Determine if problem will continue or if it is over.
- ☐ Notify Superintendent's Office.
- ☐ School representative will meet Incident Command Officer (Fire Department or Police Official) who will determine exact nature of incident.
- ☐ Site administrators/First Responders will implement Mass Casualty Tracking Protocols as appropriate to the situation.
- ☐ Keep calm, reassure students.
- ☐ Fire Department will notify appropriate agencies for additional help.
- ☐ Crisis Team will convene.

### ***Bio Terrorism How to identify suspicious letters or packages***

Some characteristics of suspicious letters or packages include the following:

- ✓ Excessive postage
- ✓ Handwritten or poorly typed addresses
- ✓ Incorrect titles
- ✓ Title, but no name
- ✓ Misspellings of common words
- ✓ Oily stains, discolorations or odors
- ✓ No return address
- ✓ Excessive weight
- ✓ Lopsided or uneven envelop

- ✓ Protruding wires or aluminum foil
- ✓ Excessive security material such as masking tape, string, etc.
- ✓ Visual distractions
- ✓ Ticking sound
- ✓ Marked with restrictive endorsements, such as "Personal" or "Confidential."

## District Emergency Operations Center

### ***Emergency Communications***

When emergencies occur, communication is key to ensure appropriate parties are notified regarding the extent of the incident and what needs to be done. Below is a checklist as to how emergency communications may be conducted at your school.

#### **Emergencies within a school:**

##### ***Internal communications will be via:***

- ☐ Public address systems.
- ☐ Radio set to site/district channel
- ☐ Emails
- ☐ Texts to staff
- ☐ Message runner
- ☐ District telephone/emergency radio to administration offices.

##### ***External communications will be via:***

- ☐ Public Address System
- ☐ News bulletins via recorded messages by appointed personnel sent to parent/guardians and staff as needed by phone.
- ☐ Text sent to parent/guardians
- ☐ Email

#### **Emergencies affecting two or more schools:**

##### ***In-district communications will be via:***

- ☐ Telephone, if operable.
- ☐ Public Address System
- ☐ District internal Radio communications.
- ☐ Superintendent or designated Public Information Officer and/or Principal will release information to news media and prepare necessary bulletins.
- ☐ A Crisis Communications Center will be established to collect and release information if the emergency is of a continuing nature.
- ☐ News bulletins via recorded messages by appointed personnel sent to parent/guardians and staff as needed by phone
- ☐ Text to parent/guardians

#### **When using the District radio system:**

**This section may be modified to suit your communications system operations.**

- ☐ Set radio to \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Firmly push down button to transmit, wait several seconds, and then speak calmly

and clearly into the mouthpiece.

- ☐ Unit to Base
- ☐ Identify yourself: " This is NAME. POSITION, from SITE.
- ☐ Base will respond.
- ☐ Give message, after transmission is complete. Base will end with (base number) clear Unit to Unit
- ☐ Use unit number to begin and end transmissions.
- ☐ Use unit number to begin and end transmissions.

**DO NOT interrupt when someone is transmitting except for emergency information.**

- ☐ Portable units should remain in charger when not in use.

***Briefings/bulletins will be necessary in a continuing emergency, especially when school remains open.***

- ☐ Use established communication channels to keep employees, students, parents, essential communicators and community informed.
- ☐ Keep secretaries briefed on situation changes and what to tell people who phone the School District.
- ☐ Hold briefings with employees, labor association leaders, Board President student leaders and other key communicators.
- ☐ Enact telephone tree in order to communicate updates.
- ☐ Prepare bulletins to distribute to employees, students, parents and essential communicators, as needed.
- ☐ Supply Superintendent's office and public information offices with a copy of each bulletin.

**Media Relations:**

- Only pre-assigned personnel will communicate or meet with the media in a designated area so as not to disrupt the educational process.
- News media personnel are not to be on school grounds, except in designated areas.
- Staff is to report any news media personnel that appear elsewhere on campus.
- Media are not to speak with students.

## **RECOVERY**

It is critical to provide a mental health response for students, staff and parents after a crisis that has impacted a school. Often, this can be provided by district or local community resources.

Victims of a crisis experience a real need to return to normal, but normal as they once knew it is forever gone and changed. Counselors and crisis survivors find the concept of a “new normal” to be very reassuring and accurate.

One of the most important actions is simply to listen and allow victims to express his/her own needs and feelings. Encouragement and support, while avoiding judgmental remarks, is the goal. When the needs of the victims exceed the immediate resources available to the school, Santa Clara County Mental Health and the agencies working under its umbrella are available to support schools.

Numerous agencies under the Santa Clara County Mental Health Department umbrella currently provide on-going mental health services to students and families both at schools and within the neighborhood communities. Licensed therapists, social workers or supervised interns, provide these services. The services typically involve a one-on-one or family-oriented approach requiring a different skill set than an emergency mental health response to a community or school crisis.

#### **JOINT PROTOCOLS:**

Schools and/or school districts require, as part of their Memorandums of Understanding with agencies and/or universities, all interns, therapists and mental health workers complete a crisis response training with the Santa Clara County Mental Health Department before reporting to their assigned campuses.

In the event of a major crisis at a school site, or multiple school sites, the school district will determine if additional mental health support is required or anticipated. The District can notify the Santa Clara County Mental Health Department. A licensed mental health representative will immediately be sent to the incident location to conduct an initial assessment and make recommendations to the school/district and Mental Health Department and its partnering agencies as to the requirements for a responding mental health team(s).

The lead supervisor will work in concert with the school/district representative to ensure that teams have the correct credentials, provide appropriate triage services that do not compromise police/fire investigations and are rotated to avoid fatigue. In police, fire or district debriefings with school staff, parents and impacted students, a representative from the Santa Clara County Mental Health Department or one of the partnering agencies will be in attendance in order to make referrals for support services as required by the attendees.



In keeping with research on the predictable response to crisis situations, call center numbers will be provided in order that members of the community can access necessary support in the days, weeks and months beyond the event.

### ***MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES***

District Mental Health Staff, such as counselors and school psychologists in the case of an emergency will be assigned to support recovery following the incident. The district will also work with community agency partners to provide additional mental health resources to students.

Mental Health staff and community agencies will be coordinated by the Student Support Services Office and will report back to the Superintendent on recovery activities and needs. Mental Health Staff will support students and staff with counseling, resources and referrals.

The period of support needed will be dependent on the circumstances and the mental health needs of students and staff following an incident.

## ***Emergency Awareness/ Preparedness Checklists & Forms***

The following checklists highlight areas of school operations, maintenance, security, and personnel that may pose opportunities for risk reduction. Use this checklist as a proactive tool to generate awareness over the potential for terrorist acts, at a time when it is needed most.

The recommendations contained in this checklist are not intended to represent or to replace a comprehensive school security program. Such a program would include much more. Many of the procedures included in the checklist are routine in districts with full-time security operations. Whether your school district has full-time security coverage, or has minimal security resources, these recommendations may be used as a focal point around which to build an appropriately renewed sense of awareness.

The following forms are designed to help assess emergency preparedness.

**Mt. Pleasant School District Site Awareness Checklist Year\_\_\_\_\_**

<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Steps</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Done</b>
<b>Review employment screening policy &amp; procedure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Does your screening process include volunteers, cafeteria workers, and security, in addition to educational staff?</li> <li>♦ Does your procedure allow for actual searches of courthouse records</li> <li>♦ Do your searches do Social Security Number traces to identify any out-of-state venues that should be checked?</li> <li>♦ Do your outside contracts use due-diligence screening procedures to check the backgrounds of their workers who visit?</li> </ul>	Security  Human Resources	
<b>Review the adequacy of physical security in and around campus buildings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Are alarm systems working and have they been tested? This should include main campus buildings as well as maintenance and storage facilities.</li> <li>♦ Are keys to campus and administration buildings adequately controlled?</li> <li>♦ Are alarm pass codes changed when an employee leaves the school district? Is exterior lighting working and is illumination adequate?</li> <li>♦ Is interior lighting (night lighting) working and is illumination adequate?</li> </ul>	Security  Operation	
<b>Review access control procedures and heighten employee awareness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Are doors that should remain locked from the outside during the day kept locked, and are these doors checked periodically to make sure they are secure? Train all employees to check these doors but consider assigning someone to check them as well.</li> <li>♦ Are staff members trained to approach and to "assist" strangers of any age who are observed in and on school property?</li> <li>♦ Has a visitor log and ID badge system been implemented?</li> </ul>	Everyone	
<b>Train Staff to recognize and report suspicious activities on campuses.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Are persons taking pictures or filming campus activities questioned?</li> <li>♦ Are specific individuals assigned to inspect the outside of campus buildings?</li> <li>♦ Have you developed a plan to handle reports of suspicious activity?</li> <li>♦ issue placed on routine checklists for maintenance and custodial personnel?</li> <li>♦ Do personnel know what to do if a suspicious package is found?</li> </ul>	Everyone	

Recommendation	Steps	Who	Done
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When large attendance events occur on campus, are security measures in place and awareness levels heightened to assist in detecting suspicious acts?</li> </ul>		
Implement a “tip-line” program that allows students, teachers, parents, staff, and other members of the school community to report issues anonymously, if they choose.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do all members of the school community know that any threat, or information about a potential threat, must be reported? Do they understand that there is no such thing as a threat intended as a joke?</li> <li>Do students and staff know that they are <u>responsible</u> for informing the principal/site administrator about any information or knowledge of a possible or actual terrorist threat or act?</li> </ul>	Student Services  Security  Human Resources	
Work closely with local law enforcement and health officials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have you made local law enforcement a partner in your district plans?</li> <li>Are parking regulations, particularly fire zone regulations, strictly enforced?</li> <li>Does local law enforcement have copies of building blueprints that include the ventilation system, and electrical plans?</li> <li>Have you determined contact protocol with local health officials if bio-terrorism is suspected?</li> </ul>	Security  Clinical Staff  Crisis Management Team	
Train staff on identifying and handling suspicious packages and letters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have you downloaded and posted the FBI advisory (poster) regarding suspicious packages from <a href="http://www.fbi.gov">www.fbi.gov</a>?</li> <li>Or, the US Postal Inspection Service poster on identifying suspicious packages from <a href="http://www.usps.gov">www.usps.gov</a>?</li> </ul>	Mail room  Secretarial Security  Parents Students	

## **SAFETY PLAN EMERGENCY PLAN CHECKLIST**

**Site:**            **Site Checklist SITE: AB IJA -VV MP RS Due By:     September 1**

**Submit To:   Student Support Services**

*This is a checklist to help Principals organize and meet the site requirements mandated by the Emergency Preparedness Plan.*

### **Person Submitting form:**

1.	Read the District Disaster Plan, and know the responsibilities of the site manager
2	Designate a second-in-command and a backup for ICS
3.	Orient staff to District Disaster Plan, ICS, review site procedures (staff meeting)
4.	Update site plan (assign staff responsibilities ICS, Collect employee forms, create order of release)
5.	Schedule any necessary training (First Aid, CPR, Triage, Search & Rescue)
6.	Schedule drills: Fire, Earthquake, Active shooter/Intruder, Communications
7.	Complete site map, post as required, and forward a copy to Maintenance Department
8.	Participate in test of District Radios
9.	Check battery-operated radios and flashlights
10.	Locate and confirm working land line (fax line)
11.	Complete supplies and equipment inventory to include classroom emergency kits
12	Order supplies and equipment as necessary
13	Evacuation areas/ alternative identified for all sites - notify staff of sites
14.	Communications to parents and students about disaster procedures- collect individual student disaster kits if appropriate
15.	Work with staff to collect all Student Release and School Emergency Information Cards – post in classroom
16.	Complete Emergency I.D. Tags collected and put into Classroom Emergency Kits if appropriate.
17.	Meet with After School staff and coordinate disaster preparedness plans
18.	Review Visitor sign in procedures and require that all staff enforce procedures with all visitors on campus.
19.	All staff have vests for supervision and emergencies

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Site Hazard Survey II Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed By: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL GUIDELINES	OK	Needs Attention	Comments
<b>CAMPUS</b>			
Signs Posted, Controlled Access			
Traffic review, parking, fire lanes			
Adequate surfacing, lighting			
Safety Plan in Office & Library			
Required Postings - Evacuation routes, Williams, Emergency Procedures, etc			
Sign in procedures clear and enforced by all staff			
<b>ASSEMBLY ROOMS</b>			
Exits clear, exit & emergency lights			
Floors, seating maintained			
Stage: clean, clear exits, wiring			
Kitchen: clean, safe food storage			
<b>PLAYGROUND</b>			
Stairs, ramps, walkways, gates			
Surfacing in common areas			
Equipment			
<b>ROOMS</b>			
Hazardous material storage			
Adequate ventilation, fume hoods			
Safety training			
Safety signs posted, enforced			
Boxes not stored overhead, or secured			
<b>EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS</b>			
Fire extinguishers checked monthly			
Fire and Earthquake drills scheduled and conducted			
First Aid Equipment in place			
Evacuation routes posted			
Staff Training on Emergency Procedures			
Health Plans and medications readily available			

## ANNUAL CLASSROOM HAZARD SURVEY

SCHOOL AB IJA-VV MP-ALAS RS Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Completed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-structural hazards are caused by the furnishings and nonstructural elements of a building. Anything that does not actually hold the building up is nonstructural, including floors, ceilings, windows, and all furnishings. In California schools, nonstructural hazards represent the greatest threat to the safety of students and staff. Eliminating these hazards can reduce injuries significantly.

Each teacher shall assess his/her classroom for hazards and correct any hazards he/she can.

ROOM NUMBER	OK - Comments
<b>Deficiencies to be corrected by maintenance staff:</b>	
Free standing shelves over 4 feet tall secured to floor or wall	
File cabinets bolted to wall	
File cabinet drawers have latches	
No paints and chemicals, including cleaning materials, in classrooms	
Wall-mounted objects are secured	
Sound system speakers are secured to building	
<b>Deficiencies to be corrected by school personnel:</b>	
Heavy objects removed from high shelves- no falling hazards	
Aquariums located on low counter or restrained	
Desk-top Computers fastened to work station	
Desks and tables cannot block exits	
Cabinets or equipment on wheels cannot block doorway	
Walkways kept clear and are wheelchair accessible	

<i>Emergency Service Worker questionnaire- Skills &amp; Release- optional form</i>		
1. Name		
2. Position		
3. Location		
4. Work Phone/Ext.		
5. Home Phone		
<i>Specialized Skills</i>		
1. Bilingual?		If yes, Language(s):
2. CPR Certified?		If yes, Expiration Date:
		If no, are you willing to be trained?
3. First Aid Certified?		If yes, Expiration Date:
		If no, are you willing to be trained?
4. CERT (Triage) Trained?		If yes, Expiration Date:
		If no, are you willing to be trained?
5. Simple Triage/Rapid Assessment Trained?		If yes, Expiration Date:
		If no, are you willing to be trained?
<b><i>Personal Responsibilities - that may impact your ability to complete your duties as a EmergencyService Worker</i></b>		
1. Children?		If yes, ages:
2. Special needs?		If yes, please describe:
2. Elderly parents?		Comments:
3. Pets?		Comments:
4. Other caregivers available?		Comments:
5. Other		
<i>In an Emergency – Confidential</i>		
1. Anything you want us to know? Special Needs? Medications?		



**LISTED BELOW ARE WEBSITES THAT PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

**<http://www.ready.gov>**

Disaster Preparedness Information

**<http://www.dhs.gov>**

Federal Department of Homeland Security

**<http://www.nasponline.org>**

National Association of School Psychologists

**<http://www.fema.gov/>**

Federal Emergency Management Agency

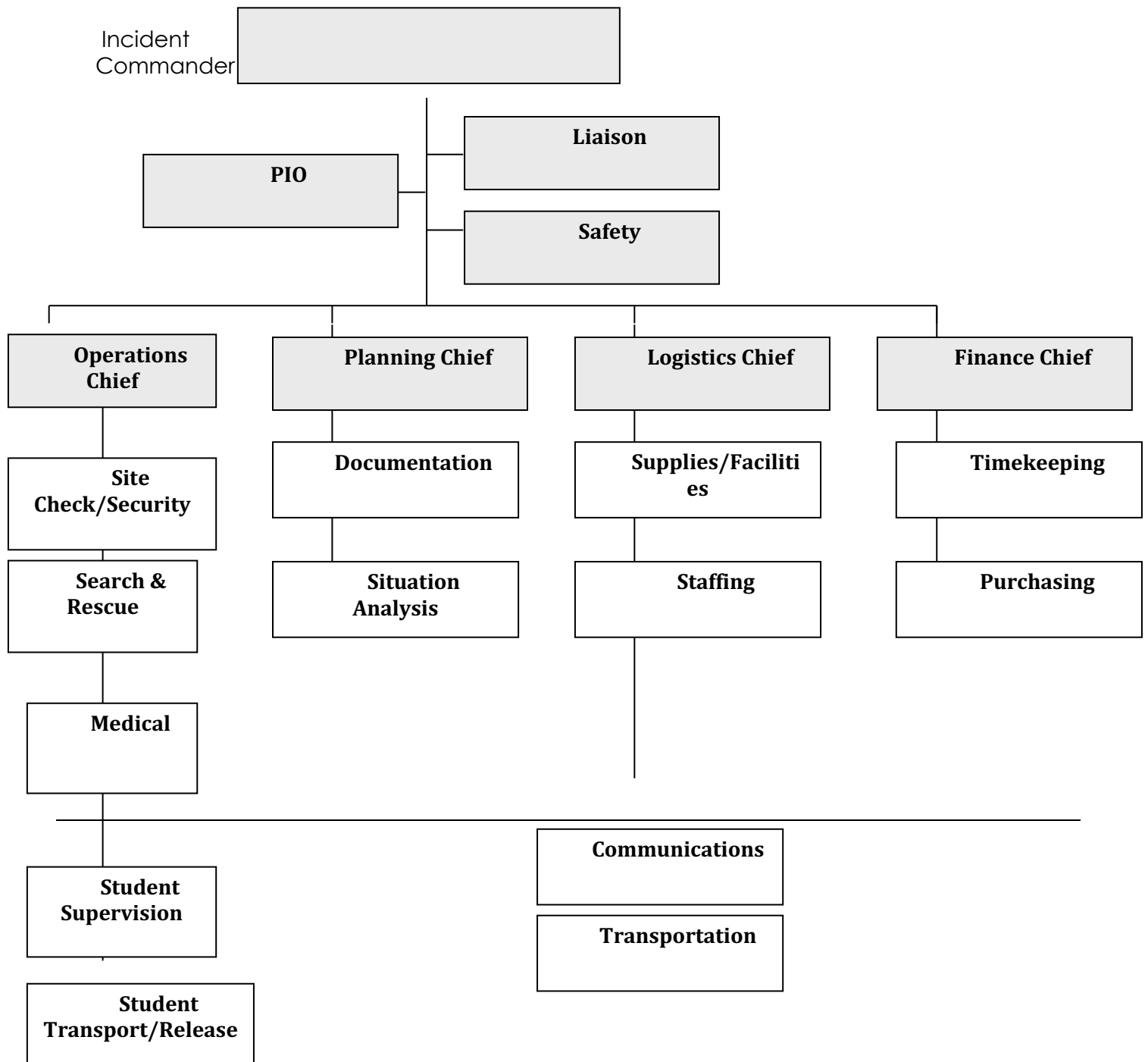
<https://www.caloes.ca.gov/>

California Office of Emergency Services

**<http://www.sccoe.org/>**

Santa Clara County Office of Education

## Incident Command System Diagram SEMS TEAM Flow Chart



## ***Staging Areas -- Available in Office***

### **Command Posts**

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### **Evacuation Centers**

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### **Command Posts**

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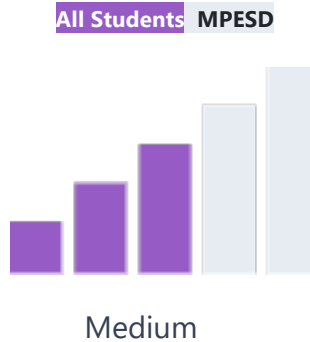
### **Operations**

**Each site has an Incident Command System (ICS) developed at the school and updated annually.**

## SAFETY DATA

### Suspension Data

#### All Students



2.6% suspended at least one day

Number of Students: 1,386

**African American Students- 3.2%**

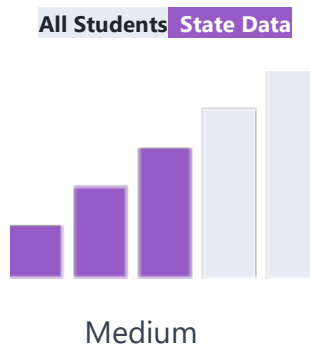
**English Learners- 3.1%**

**Students with Disabilities – 3.8%**

**Total Suspensions August Boeger Middle School – 32**

Number of Students: 1,318

#### All Students

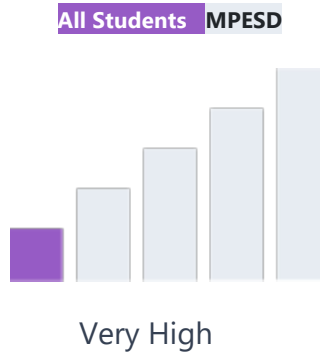


3.1% suspended at least one day

Number of Students: 6,066,021

## Chronic Absenteeism MPESD

*All Students*



**24.1% chronically absent**

**Hispanic- 27%, Number of students 951**

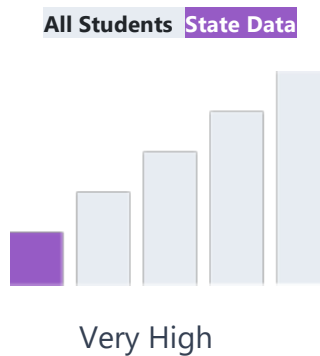
**Homeless- 33.3%, number of students 30**

**Students with Disabilities -33.5%, number of students 230**

**Socioeconomic Disadvantaged – 26.5%, number of students 937**

## Chronic Absenteeism State

*All Students*



**30% chronically absent**

Number of Students: 4,009,260

## **California Healthy Kids Survey(CHKS) Data 2021-2022**

<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade results. Item Percentage of students who .....</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Tobacco Use (-) Have ever used cigarettes* (whole cigarette)	0%	0%/ Vape 1%
Drug Use(-). Have ever used marijuana	0%	0%
Safe Schools and Violence(+). Feel very safe at school	N/A Distance	83%
Protective Factors (+) Have high level of caring relationships with a teacher or other adult at their school	75%	73%
Report high levels of expectations from a teacher or other adult at their school	81%	85%
Report high levels of opportunities for meaningful participation at their school	45%	43%
Report high levels of school connectedness at their school (Total School Assets)	N/A- Distance	73%

<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade School Engagement &amp; Support Questions</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Protective Factors (+) Caring relationships with teacher or other adult (P1)	62%	58%
High expectations from teacher or other adult (P1)	75%	72%
Opportunities for meaningful participation (P1)	20%	29%
Total School Assets (School Connectedness) (P1)	43%	62%

### Physical and Mental Health

Current Electronic Cigarette(Vape) use	3%	5%
Current Tobacco vs Marijuana Vaping use		2% & 1%
Current marijuana use (Smoke, Vape, Eat, Drink)	1%	1%
Current Alcohol or drug use	1%	6%
Very drunk or "high" 7 or more times	1%	1%
Considered Suicide in past 12 months	18%	15%
* Experienced chronic sadness/hopelessness	38%	35%