

Policy 0450: Comprehensive Safety Plan

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tactical Response Plan

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

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

Safety Plan(s) Access and Reporting

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that an updated file of all safety-related plans and materials is readily available for inspection by the public. (Education Code 32282)

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

The Superintendent or designee shall share the comprehensive safety plans and any updates to the plans with local law enforcement, the local fire department, and other first responder entities. (Education Code 32281)

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

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State References

5 CCR 11987-11987.7

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[School Community Violence Prevention Program requirements](#)

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| 5 CCR 11992-11993 | Persistently dangerous schools; definition |
| CA Constitution Article 1, Section 28 | Right to Safe Schools |
| Ed. Code 200-262.4 | Prohibition of discrimination |
| Ed. Code 32260-32262 | Interagency School Safety Demonstration Act of 1985 |
| Ed. Code 32270 | School safety cadre |
| Ed. Code 32280-32289.5 | School safety plans |
| Ed. Code 32290 | Safety devices |
| Ed. Code 35147 | School site councils and advisory committees |
| Ed. Code 35183 | School dress code; uniforms |
| Ed. Code 35266 | Reporting of cyber attacks |
| Ed. Code 35291 | Rules |
| Ed. Code 35291.5 | School-adopted discipline rules |
| Ed. Code 41020 | Requirement for annual audit |
| Ed. Code 48900-48927 | Suspension and expulsion |
| Ed. Code 48950 | Speech and other communication |
| Ed. Code 48980 | Parent/Guardian notifications |
| Ed. Code 49079 | Notification to teacher; student act constituting grounds for suspension or expulsion |
| Ed. Code 49390-49395 | Homicide threats |
| Ed. Code 67381 | Availability of information regarding crimes |
| Gov. Code 11549.3 | Independent security assessment |
| Gov. Code 54957 | Closed session meetings for threats to security |
| Gov. Code 8586.5 | California Cybersecurity Integration Center |
| Pen. Code 11164-11174.3 | Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act |
| Pen. Code 422.55 | Definition of hate crime |
| Pen. Code 626.8 | Disruptions |

Federal References

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| 20 USC 1400-1482 | Individuals with Disabilities Education Act |
| 20 USC 7111-7122 | Student support and academic enrichment grants |
| 20 USC 7912 | Transfers from persistently dangerous schools |
| 29 USC 794 | Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Section 504 |
| 42 USC 12101-12213 | Americans with Disabilities Act |
| 6 USC 665k | Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-Based Practices |

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Management Resources References

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| CSBA Publication | School Safety: Firearm Safety and Storage, May 2023 |
| CSBA Publication | Community Schools: Partnerships Supporting Students, Families and Communities, Policy Brief, October 2010 |
| CSBA Publication | Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards, Policy Brief, rev. July 2010 |
| CSBA Publication | Providing a Safe, Nondiscriminatory School Environment for Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students, Policy Brief, February 2014 |
| CSBA Publication | Safe Schools: Strategies for Governing Boards to Ensure Student Success, 2011 |

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| CSBA Publication | Legal Guidance on Rights of Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students in Schools, October 2022 |
| Federal Bureau of Investigation Publication | Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook, 2004 |
| U.S. Department of Education Publication | Practical Information on Crisis Planning: A Guide for Schools and Communities, January 2007 |
| U.S. Secret Service & Department of Education Pub | Threat Assessment in Schools: A Guide to Managing Threatening Situations and to Creating Safe School Climates, 2004 |
| Website | California Department of Education, Language Services Policy and Process |
| Website | Schoolsafety.gov |
| Website | California Department of Education, Safe Schools Planning |
| Website | California Military Department |
| Website | California Department of Technology, Independent Security Assessment |
| Website | U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Fusion Centers |
| Website | California State Threat Assessment System |
| Website | CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services |
| Website | U.S. Secret Service, National Threat Assessment Center |
| Website | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention |
| Website | Federal Bureau of Investigation |
| Website | National Center for Crisis Management |
| Website | National School Safety Center |
| Website | California Department of Education, Safe Schools |
| Website | California Governor's Office of Emergency Services |
| Website | California Healthy Kids Survey |
| Website | U.S. Department of Education |
| Website | CSBA |

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