

VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD POLICY NO. 0450

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**CLASSIFICATION: Philosophy, Goals, Objectives &
Comprehensive Plans**

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SUBJECT: Comprehensive Safety Plan

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

The school safety committee shall develop a comprehensive school safety plan relevant to the needs and resources of each school. New school campuses shall develop a safety plan within one year of initiating operations.

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

The comprehensive safety plans shall be reviewed and updated annually by March 1 of each year and forwarded to the County Board for approval.

The County Board shall review the comprehensive safety plans in order to ensure compliance with state law, board policy, and administrative regulation and shall approve the plans at a regularly scheduled meeting.

By October 15 of each year, the County Superintendent or designee shall notify the California Department of Education (CDE) of any schools that have not complied with requirements of Education Code 33281.

TACTICAL RESPONSE PLAN

Notwithstanding the process described above, any portion of the 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 VCOE administrators in accordance with Education Code 32281. In developing such strategies, VCOE administrators shall consult with law enforcement officials and with representative(s) of employee bargaining unit(s), if they choose to participate.

When reviewing the tactical response plan, the County 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.

SAFETY PLANS ACCESS AND REPORTING

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

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

The County 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.

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

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4	Prohibition of discrimination
32260-32262	Interagency School Safety Demonstration Act of 1985
32270	School safety cadre
32280-32289.5	School safety plans
32290	Safety devices
35147	School site councils and advisory committees
35183	School dress code; uniforms
35266	Reporting of cyber attacks
35291	Rules
35291.5	School-adopted discipline rules
41020	Requirement for annual audit
48900-48927	Suspension and expulsion
48950	Speech and other communication
48980	Parent/Guardian notifications
49079	Notification to teacher; student act constituting grounds for suspension or expulsion
49390-49395	Homicide threats
67381	Availability of information regarding crimes

GOVERNMENT CODE

11549.3	Independent security assessment
54957	Closed session meetings for threats to security

PENAL CODE

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

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11987-11987.7	School Community Violence Prevention Program requirements
11992-11993	Definition; persistently dangerous schools

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7111-7122	Student support and academic enrichment grants
7912	Transfers from persistently dangerous schools

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

12101-12213	Americans with Disabilities Act
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