

## **VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**BOARD POLICY NO. 0450**

**ADOPTED: 10/30/00**

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

**REVISED: 05/29/12**

**SUBJECT: Comprehensive Safety Plan**

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The Governing Board and Superintendent recognize that students and staff have the right to a safe and secure campus where they are free from physical and psychological harm. The Board and Superintendent are fully committed to maximizing school safety and creating a positive learning environment that teaches 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.

Each principal shall ensure the development of a school site safety plan, in accordance with law, and tailored to the specific concerns of each school. A school safety planning committee will assist the principal with the plan. The school safety planning committee will be composed of the following members.

1. The principal or designee.
2. One teacher who is a representative of the recognized certificated employee organization.
3. One parent/guardian whose child attends the school.
4. One classified employee who is a representative of the organized classified employee organization.
5. Other members, if desired.

The school safety committee shall consult with a local law enforcement representative in the development of the plan.

Before adopting its comprehensive safety plan, the committee shall hold a public meeting at the school in order to allow members of the public the opportunity to express an opinion about the safety plan.

The safety plan shall include, but not be limited to:

1. An assessment of the current status of school crimes committed on campus and at school-related functions.

2. The identification of appropriate strategies and programs that will provide for and maintain a high level of school safety and will address the school's procedures for complying with existing laws related to school safety.

The procedures shall include the development of all of the following:

- a. Child abuse reporting procedures consistent with Penal Code 11164
- b. Routine and emergency disaster procedures
- c. A policy pursuant to Education Code 48915(c) and other school-designated serious acts which would lead to suspension, expulsion or mandatory expulsion recommendations.
- d. Procedures to notify teachers of dangerous students pursuant to Education Code 49079.
- e. A sexual harassment policy pursuant to Education Code 212.6
- f. The provisions of the school adopted dress code.
- g. Procedures for safe ingress and egress of students, parents/guardians and employees to and from school.
- h. The rules and procedures on school discipline adopted pursuant to Education Code 35291 and 35291.5
- i. Gang prevention and intervention

The school safety planning committee shall evaluate and amend the safety plan as necessary. The plan shall be reviewed annually by March 1 to ensure that the plan is being properly implemented. An annual report will be made to the Board.

The principal shall ensure that an updated file of all safety-related plans and materials is readily available at the school for inspection by the public. The principal will also send all amendments to his/her supervisor and to the Superintendent's office.

## Legal Reference:

### EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4	Prohibition of discrimination
32260-32262	Interagency School Safety Demonstration Act of 1985
32270	School safety cadre
32280-32289	School safety plans
32290	Safety devices
35147	School site councils and advisory committees
35183	School dress code; uniforms
35291	Rules
35291.5	School-adopted discipline rules
35294.10-35294.15	School Safety and Violence Prevention Act
41510-41514	School Safety Consolidated Competitive Grant Program
46600	Transfer request due to bullying
48900-48927	Suspension and expulsion
48950	Speech and other communication
49079	Notification to teacher; student act constituting grounds for suspension or expulsion
67381	Violent crime

### 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

7101-7165	Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities
7912	Transfers from persistently dangerous schools

### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Safe Schools: Strategies for Governing Boards to Ensure Student Success, Third Edition, October 2011  
Community Schools: Partnerships Supporting Students, Families and Communities, Policy Brief, October 2010  
Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards, Policy Brief, July 2010  
Providing a Safe, Nondiscriminatory School Environment for All Students, Policy Brief, April 2010

### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Safe Schools: A Planning Guide for Action, 2002