

EMERGENCIES AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN

The district disaster preparedness plan shall be available to staff, students and the public in the office of the Superintendent and in the office of each principal. Individual school site disaster plans shall be provided to each teacher and shall be available for public inspection at the principal's office. The principal shall make certain that students and staff are familiar with their site plan.

The Governing Board shall grant the use of school buildings, grounds and equipment to public agencies, including the American Red Cross, for mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare. The Board shall cooperate with such agencies in furnishing and maintaining whatever services it deems necessary to meet the community's needs. (Education Code 40041.5)

Release of Students

The following procedures shall be followed in releasing students in the event of an emergency or disaster:

1. The principal or designee shall receive authorization from the Superintendent or designee before releasing students.
2. Individual students shall not leave a school site without receiving permission from the principal or designee.
3. If possible, staff shall release students only to persons authorized on the student emergency card.
4. In absence of an emergency card or in an emergency in which reference to the emergency card is impossible, individual students shall be released, upon presentation of identification, to parents/guardians, persons authorized by the parents/guardians, or to authorized persons representing public agencies that may take responsibility, when necessary, for the safety of the student.
5. The principal or designee shall record the release of all students.

Role of Staff

School staff are considered disaster service workers and are subject to disaster service activities assigned to them. (Government Code 3100)

(cf. 4112.3/4212.3/4312.3 - Oath or Affirmation)

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During an emergency, staff shall fulfill the following roles:
(cf. 4119.3/4219.3/4319.3 - *Duties of Personnel*)

1. The principal or designee shall assume overall control and supervision of activities at the school site during an emergency. He/she shall have authority to use discretionary judgment in emergency situations which do not permit execution of prearranged plans. The principal or designee shall:
 - a. Direct evacuation of buildings
 - b. Arrange for transfer of students when their safety is threatened
 - c. Inform the Superintendent or designee of all emergency actions taken as soon as possible
 - d. Schedule periodical fire drills and other disaster preparedness exercises and keep appropriate records
 - e. Post directions for fire drills and civil defense drills in classrooms, multipurpose rooms, etc.
2. Teachers shall be responsible for supervision of students in their charge. Teachers shall:
 - a. Direct evacuation of students in their charge in accordance with the principal's instruction
 - b. Give the DROP command as necessary
 - c. Take attendance, stay with the students, and provide supervision
 - d. Report missing students to the principal or designee
 - e. Send students in need of first aid to the school nurse or a person trained in first aid
3. Custodians are responsible for the use of emergency equipment, the handling of supplies and the use of available utilities. Custodians shall:
 - a. Survey and report damage to the principal
 - b. Direct rescue operations as required
 - c. Direct fire-fighting efforts until regular fire-fighting personnel take over

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- d. Control main shutoff valves for gas, water and electricity and ascertain that no hazard results from broken gas, water mains or fallen electrical lines
 - e. Disburse supplies and equipment as needed
4. The school secretary and secretarial staff shall:
- a. Report a fire or disaster to the appropriate authorities
 - b. Answer telephones and monitor radio emergency broadcasts
 - c. Provide for the safety of essential school records and documents
 - d. Assist the principal as needed
5. The cafeteria manager shall direct the use and preparation of the cafeteria stock and water supply whenever the feeding of students becomes necessary during a disaster.
6. The bus driver(s) shall:
- a. Supervise students if a disaster occurs while they are on the bus
 - b. Issue the DROP command as necessary while students are on the bus
 - c. Transfer students to a new location when directed by the principal
 - d. Assist the custodian in damage control