

FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans**  
**COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY PLAN**

The County Superintendent and County Board recognize that students and staff have the right to a safe and secure campus where they are free from physical and psychological harm. The County Superintendent and County Board are 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.

1. The County Superintendent or designee shall oversee the development of a comprehensive safety plan that is applicable to each school site. (Education Code 32281.)
2. The plan shall be relevant to the needs and resources of each particular school site.
3. New school campuses shall develop a safety plan within one year of initiating operations. (Education Code 32281, 32286.)

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 plan(s) shall be reviewed and updated by March 1 of each year. (Education Code 32286.) The County Superintendent is responsible for the annual review, updating, and approval of the comprehensive safety plan(s).

By October 15 of each year, the County Superintendent shall notify the California Department of Education of any school that is operated by the County Superintendent that has 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 includes tactical responses to criminal incidents that may result in death or serious bodily injury at the school site, including steps to be taken to safeguard students and staff, secure the affected school premises, and apprehend the criminal perpetrator(s), may be developed by County Superintendent administrators in accordance with Education Code 32281. In developing such strategies, County Superintendent administrators may consult with law enforcement officials and with a representative of an employee bargaining unit, if he/she chooses to participate.

Public Access to Safety Plan(s)

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. (Education Code 32282.) However, those portions of the comprehensive safety plan that include tactical responses to criminal incidents shall not be publicly disclosed.

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**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  
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

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article 1, Section 28(c) Right to Safe Schools

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

**Management Resources**

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Updated Legal Guidance: Protecting Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students against Sex Discrimination, March 2017  
Safe Schools: Strategies for Governing Boards to Ensure Student Success, Third Edition, October 2011

FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
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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 Transgender and Gender Non-conforming Students, Policy Brief, April 2014

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Safe Schools: A Planning Guide for Action, 2002

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION PUBLICATIONS

Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook, 2004

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Practical Information on Crisis Planning: A Guide for Schools and Communities, January 2007

Early Warning, Timely Response: A Guide to Safe Schools, August 1998

U.S. SECRET SERVICE AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Threat Assessment in Schools: A Guide to Managing Threatening Situations and to Creating Safe School Climates, 2002

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/lr/ss>

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services: <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/>

California Healthy Kids Survey: <https://calschls.org/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention>

Federal Bureau of Investigation: <http://www.fbi.gov>

National Alliance for Safe Schools: <http://www.safeschools.org>

National Center for Crisis Management: <https://www.aaets.org/a-practical-guide-for-crisis-response-in-our-schools-sixth-edition>

National School Safety Center: <http://www.schoolsafety.us>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

U.S. Secret Service, National Threat Assessment Center:

<https://www.secretservice.gov/protection/ntac>