



## BOARD POLICY ON SAFETY PLANS

The Board of Trustees recognizes that scholars and staff have the right to a safe and secure Academy 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 teaches strategies for violence prevention and emphasizes high expectations for scholar conduct, responsible behavior, and respect for others.

The Superintendent, or designee, shall ensure the development of a school safety plan, which shall include the safety topics listed in subparagraphs (A) to (H), inclusive, of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 32282 and procedures for conducting tactical responses to criminal incidents. (Ed. Code § 47605, subd. (b)(5)(F); Ed. Code § 47605.6(b)(1)(G).)

In accordance with Sections 47605 and 47605.6 of the Education Code the Superintendent, or designee, shall ensure that preparation of a "School Safety Plan" is added as a component of the description of health and safety procedures (Element 6 or F) in charter petitions for renewal of existing academy campuses or petitions for the establishment of new charters.

Newly authorized Academy campuses shall develop a safety plan within one year of initiating (e.g., by March 1 during first school year of operation).

The safety plan(s) for each academy campus already in operation shall be reviewed and updated by March 1 of each year and forwarded to the Board for approval.

The School Safety Plan prepared by the Academy shall address the following elements listed below, but not an assessment of school crime:

1. Child abuse reporting procedures;
2. Disaster procedures, including earthquake preparedness, procedures for allowing school grounds to be used as a disaster shelter, and adaptations for scholars with disabilities in accordance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act;
3. Policies for scholars who committed certain serious acts that would lead to suspension, expulsion, or mandatory expulsion recommendations;
4. Procedures to notify teachers of dangerous scholars;
5. A discrimination and harassment policy
6. The provisions of any schoolwide dress code that prohibits scholars from

wearing “gang-related apparel,” if the school has adopted that type of a dress code;

7. Procedures for safe ingress and egress of scholars, parents, and school employees to and from school;
8. A safe and orderly environment conducive to learning at the school; and
9. Procedures for conducting tactical responses to criminal incidents.

Developments and updates to the School Safety Plan shall be made considering input from the administration, local first responders, legal counsel, and experts in school safety.

### **Tactical Response Plan**

When reviewing the tactical response plan, the Board may meet in closed session provided that any vote to approve the tactical response plan is announced in open session following the closed session. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any portion of a 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 scholars and staff, secure the affected school premises, and apprehend the criminal perpetrator(s), shall be developed in consultation Academy administration, local first responders, legal counsel, and experts in school safety.

### **Public Access to Safety Plan(s)**

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