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Introduction

Each school district and county office of education is responsible for the overall development of all school safety plans for its schools operating kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive. The ***OUSD Comprehensive District Safety and Climate Plan*** brings together all of the elements of school safety to help meet our goal of providing a safe environment, both physical and social/emotional, that is conducive to learning. The district safety plan is used as a framework to assist site administrators with the development of their ***School Safety Plan***. As a framework, we encourage site Administrators to enhance and expand their site safety plans that is specific to their site's safety needs.

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Section 1: School Safety / Climate Team

The school site safety team or committee shall be composed of the following members: the principal or designee, one teacher who is a representative of the recognized certificated employee organization, one parent/guardian whose child attends the school, one classified employee who is a representative of the recognized classified employee organization, other members if desired. (Ed Code 32281)
Site Responsibilities:

1. Establish School Safety/Climate Team
2. Update your site map including evacuation routes
3. Create a School Site Safety Plan including:
    - Strategies for improving school safety/climate: goals, data, timeline, evaluation
    - Fire Drill Schedule - Once per month at the elementary and middle school levels, and two times per year at the high school level.
    - Earthquake Drill Schedule – 4 times a year at the elementary and middle school levels and 2 times a year at high school level.
    - Lockdown Drill - Twice per year (once a semester) at all school levels.
    - Update School Phone Tree
4. Update the templates in this section of the plan to reflect current areas of responsibilities at your site: (1) Incident Command Team, (2) Goals, Strategies and Activities for School Climate and Physical Environment
5. Work closely with the school site council. Remember the school site council has the responsibility of approving the final plan and must be involved in it's development.
6. Submit your Site Safety Plan to the OUSD Office of Emergency Services for review and Board submission/approval.

Section 2: School Safety Plan Goals

The school safety committee shall make an assessment of the current status of school crime committed on campus and at school-related functions and of appropriate strategies and programs that will provide or maintain a high level of school safety. (Ed Code 32282)

To be considered:

- Office referrals
- Suspensions
- Expulsions
- Attendance
- Notice of Truancy Letters
- CHKS student and staff data results
- California Safe Schools Assessment
- Surveys
- Observations
- Student and Parent input
- Staff input; including School Safety Officers

Based on data analysis, the Safety/Climate Team identifies one or two safety related goals for the next school year as well as the strategies and/or programs that will be used to meet those goals. The objective is to provide meaningful goals in order to improve the campus climate. **At least one goal must be based on current school crime statistics.**

Must address the following areas:

- Discipline
- Voluntary Resolution Plan & Equity Issues
- Attendance
- Parent Involvement

Section 3: Emergency Disaster Procedures and Drills

Earthquake Procedures

In the classroom or office
At the first indication of ground movement, you should **DROP** to the ground. It will soon be impossible to stand upright during the earthquake. Getting to the ground will prevent being thrown to the ground.

You should seek protective **COVER** under or near desks, tables, or chairs in a kneeling or sitting position. You should **HOLD** onto the table or chair legs. Holding onto the legs will prevent it from moving away from you during the quake. Protect your eyes from flying glass and debris with your arm covering your eyes.

You should remain in the DROP position until ground movement ends. Be prepared to DROP, COVER and HOLD during aftershocks.

After ground movement ends, check for injuries and safely evacuate the building. Move to a safe, open area, away from power lines and other overhead hazards.

Earthquake procedures in other parts of the building

At the first indication of ground movement, you should DROP to the ground. Take COVER under any available desk, table, or bench. If in a hallway, drop next to an inside wall in a kneeling position and cover the back of the neck with your hands.

After ground movement ends, check for injuries and safely evacuate the building. Move to a safe, open area, away from power lines and other overhead hazards.

Earthquake procedures while outside

At the first indication of ground movement, move away from overhead hazards such as power lines, trees, and buildings. DROP to the ground and COVER the back of the neck with your hands. Be aware of aftershocks. Do not re-enter buildings until it is determined safe to do so.

While in a vehicle, you should pull over to the side of the road and stop. If you are on a bridge, overpass, or under power lines, continue on until you are away from the overhead dangers. Wait until the ground movement stops and check for injuries. Be aware of aftershocks, downed wires, or roads blocked by debris.

Fire Procedures

- ❑ Evacuate the buildings immediately for any fire or suspected fire.
- ❑ Sound alarm if it has not already been done.
- ❑ **Call 9-1-1**, identify problem, school building address and location of fire (if known).

Never attempt to fight a fire larger than a wastebasket size. Even a small fire can generate enough smoke to cause serious injury. Never attempt to fight a fire by yourself. Call for help. Always stay between the fire and the exit.

Fire Extinguisher Instructions:

P	Pull safety pin from the handle
A	Aim at the base of the fire
S	Squeeze the trigger handle
S	Sweep from side to side

If your clothes (or someone else's) catch fire, STOP, DROP AND ROLL**!**

- ❑ Upon arrival, the Fire Department will assume command.
- ❑ Principal will be accountable for teachers and school district staff. Teachers will be accountable for students.
- ❑ Notify Superintendent’s Office.

Emergency Lockdown

If it is determined that the safety and health of students and staff are in jeopardy, an announcement will be made to alert of potential danger. The Shelter-In-Place alert shall be given by the District.

All schools will use the following announcement format" "This is Lockdown!" A messenger must be sent to outdoor fields and tracks. Upon hearing this announcement, the following steps must be implemented:

- ❑ Teachers should quickly check halls and get students into classrooms.
- ❑ Lock doors, close blinds.
- ❑ Teachers will keep all students in the classroom until an all clear has been sounded.
- ❑ Teachers will maintain (as best they can) a calm atmosphere in the classroom, keeping alert to emotional needs of students.
- ❑ Staff without students will report to the office for instruction or as otherwise directed.
- ❑ Head secretary will operate the phones and radio. Other clerical staff will deliver messages as needed and work with Principal and Emergency Services.
- ❑ Staff will not evacuate or leave their assigned area unless authorized by Principal or Emergency Services.
- ❑ When the emergency is over, a coded "all clear" will be announced.
- ❑ The Crisis Response Team will meet to determine needs of school.
- ❑ Each staff member will document exactly what occurred in their area of responsibility. This will be done as soon as possible.

Lockout

In the Event of a Lockout, the Principal or Designee Will Carry Out All or Some of the Following:

- ❑ Law enforcement notifies school of police activities in the area OR you have firsthand account of threat to student and/or staff safety.
- ❑ Make announcement "Lockout! Secure the perimeter."
- ❑ Designated staff will secure all perimeter access points.
- ❑ Teachers/staff will continue with class instructions or business inside the building.
- ❑ Contact OPD to assess the situation. OPD will advise of "All Clear."

After Emergency:

- ❑ **IMPORTANT**: On-scene law enforcement personnel will deactivate Lockdown and Lockout by verbally providing "All Clear" and not by a phone call or any other method. Teachers will not release students until "All Clear" is provided from an on-scene law enforcement personnel.
- ❑ Students may return to regular schedule.
- ❑ If student release is necessary, follow Parent Release Protocols as outlined in the school site safety plan.
- ❑ District Office may provide psychological services to assist in the counseling of staff and students.
- ❑ Be prepared to provide input in After Action Report to Principal or designee.

Please Note: in violent or extremely dangerous situations, law enforcement may evacuate staff and students room by room. In this case, teachers and staff can expect to be escorted from their room by armed law enforcement or whose weapons may be drawn when the classroom door is opened. This may cause anxiety and fear among students, so do your best to calm the students prior to a

Shelter-in-Place

When instructed or when an alerting system triggers to shelter-in-place, please:

- ❑ **SHELTER.** Go inside the nearest building or classroom and remain there. You are looking for enclosed protection from the outside.

    - Students should also be advised to do the following when possible:
    - Select rooms on higher floor levels and avoid basements.
    - Select an internal room or a room with as few windows as possible.
    - Choose a room with bathroom facilities and water. You may need to shelter in place for an extended period of time.

- ❑ **SHUT.** Close all doors and windows. The tighter and more complete the seal the better. Close as many windows and doors between the outside and your shelter-in-place room as possible. Close curtains and then stay away from the windows.
- ❑ **LISTEN.** Remain quiet to hear critical instructions from school officials.

School Sites as Mass Care Shelters

Use of School Buildings: California law, as stated by the "Katz Bill", requires public and private school districts and school authorities to make their facilities available as public shelter sites in a declared disaster. This makes school facilities, especially larger high school buildings, a logical first choice for shelter operations in an event where there has been widespread destruction. However, use schools as public shelters only when other resources are unavailable. First, schools may already be sheltering their own student population. Second, a community needs to resume normal activities as soon as possible after a disaster. Therefore, in short time the shelter population will need to be moved from the school, so that students can ultimately return to classes.

Oakland Unified School District has a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Oakland and the American Red Cross to use OUSD school sites as mass care shelters in the case of an emergency or a catastrophe.

Section 3: Emergency Lockdown

This is a Lockdown.

Section 3: Fire and Earthquake Drill Schedule

Fire and Earthquake Drill Schedule

Month	Date	Time	Fire/Earthquake
August	8/27/2021	9:00 AM	Both
September	9/24/2021	9:00 AM	Both
October	10/22/2021	9:00 AM	Both
November	11/19/2021	9:00 AM	Fire
November	11/12/2021	9:00 AM	EQ
December	12/10/2021	9:00 AM	Both
January	1/21/2022	9:00 AM	Fire
January	1/7/2022	9:00 AM	EQ
February	2/25/2022	9:00 AM	Both
March	3/25/2022	9:00 AM	Both
April	4/29/2022	9:00 AM	Both
May	5/20/2022	9:00 AM	Both

Lockdown Drill Schedule

	Date	Time
Fall	10/15/2021	9:00 AM
Spring	4/15/2022	9:00 AM

Emergency Evacuation: Principal's checklist

- ❑ Determine appropriate evacuation areas that have been pre-designated.
- ❑ Activate alarm/PA system or send message runner.
- ❑ Telephone emergency service personnel:
  - ***9-911***
  - ***Superintendent's office***
  - ***Utilities***

Activate key personnel to:

- ❑ Attend to the injured.
- ❑ Assure complete evacuation and student/staff are accounted for.
- ❑ Ensure special needs students are evacuated accordingly.
- ❑ Secure school for specific emergency.
- ❑ Clear road/fire lanes for emergency vehicles (pre-assigned).
- ❑ Assure that injured students/staff are reported to medical services for care and transportation to hospital/emergency medical center.
- ❑ Be contact person for emergency services, District, utility and/or news media personnel and provide needed aid (pre-assigned).
- ❑ Direct employees to aid those from the emergency services, District, utilities and other authorities. Avoid entering damaged areas unless specifically asked.
- ❑ Assure the facility is thoroughly inspected by the custodian, fire officials and District Operation personnel before re-entry is allowed.
- ❑ Seek Superintendent or designee approval for school closure if damage cannot be immediately restored or repaired.
- ❑ If possible, have students/staff re-enter parts of the school that are declared safe.
- ❑ Make sure all students/staff are accounted for once outside.

If it is necessary to evacuate to another school or relief center, the Principal will:

- ❑ Contact the Superintendent or designee.
- ❑ Cooperate with emergency authorities in enlisting students/staff with cars to help transport evacuees.
- ❑ Direct the evacuation, assure all students/staff are accounted for as they depart and arrive.

Emergency Student Release Procedures

1. The Oakland Unified School District will keep and care for all students in an emergency situation (such as loss of electrical power, wind/rain storms, earthquakes, etc.) until the end of the school day or longer if the emergency dictates.

2. Should conditions exist that make transportation impossible, students will be kept at school until the parent, guardian or an authorized adult comes to check the student out of school. In such conditions it is expected that parents/authorized adults will come as soon as possible to pick up their student(s).

3. If electrical power has not been disrupted, only high school parents/legal guardians may have their student(s) released, as per normal absence/release procedures.

4. In all situations, the superintendent may make other decisions dependent on the type of emergency. During any community-wide emergency, please listen to the radio for pertinent information.

5. Those who arrive during an emergency to check a student out of school will go through the designated release procedures: typically the school will record the time, student's name, and the name of adult to whole the student is being released and address or destination.

If the emergency situation does not extend beyond normal school hours, students will be released as usual at the end of the school day.

Emergency Evacuation: Employees checklist

- ❑ Upon emergency alert, secure work area as advised and depart/report to assigned area.
- ❑ Perform duties as pre-assigned by the Principal in cooperation with emergency services personnel.
- ❑ DO NOT re-enter the building without permission or request of emergency service authorities.
- ❑ Remain in the general assembly areas and calm students if not assigned another duty.
- ❑ If dismissed, inform Principal of departure.
- ❑ When signaled to re-enter safe areas of the school, quickly do so.

❑ Upon safe re-entry, report anything amiss to the Principal.

Emergency Evacuation: Teachers checklist

❑ Upon alert, assemble students for evacuation using designated routes and account for all students

❑ Secure room as advised

❑ Upon arrival at the assembly area, account for all students.

❑ Secure medical treatment for injured students.

❑ Report any students missing or left behind because of serious injuries.

❑ Stay with and calm students.

❑ If closure is ordered with no re-entry, when advised, release walkers and car/passengers (unless drivers are needed to evacuate students from the site) accounting for those who have left. Stay with bus riders until buses arrive.

❑ If signaled to re-enter school, assure students do so quickly and calmly. Account for all students.

❑ Check room and report anything amiss to the Principal.

❑ Debrief students to calm fears about the evacuation.

Section 6: Safe Ingress and Egress

Your OUSD LID Radio Number. 820

Beyond planning for daily ingress/egress routes and emergency evacuation routes, schools must plan for assisting students, staff and visitors with disabilities. Under the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990), individuals who are deaf/hard of hearing, blind/partially sighted, mobility impaired and/or cognitively/emotionally impaired must be assisted.

A. Plan for people with disabilities (ADA) ☑ N/A(Note: If you do not have any special needs populatoins at your school, please click NA box.)

Please include the following information: 1) How many students with disabilities are there? 2) Where are they located? 3) Description of disabilities. 4) Any other relevant info

54. Rooms P8, A3,B1, B3, D1. Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Please note our emergency phone extension is 0820. OUSD LID Radio to extension: 0820.

Special Needs Population In Detail.

List the specific number of each special needs type on site.

Special Needs Type	Abbreviation	Total
Intellectually Disabled	ID	0
Hard of Hearing	HH	0
Deaf	DEA	0
Speech & Language Impairement	SLI	20
Visually Impaired	VI	0
Emotionally Disturbed	ED	0
Orthopedically Impaired	OI	0
Other Health Impaired	OHI	14
Specific Learning Disability	SLD	20
Deaf / Blind	DB	0
Multipally Disabled	MD	0
Traumatic Brain Injury	TBI	0
Autism	ATSM	50
Est Medical Disability	EMD	0

Determine proper signage and equipment.

(What equipment and signage is on-site to help people with disabilities?)

There are handicap ramps for entrance to the portables. There are designated handicapped parking spaces in the parking lot.

Training staff to assist individuals with disabilities.

At least 1 name / title combination must be complete.

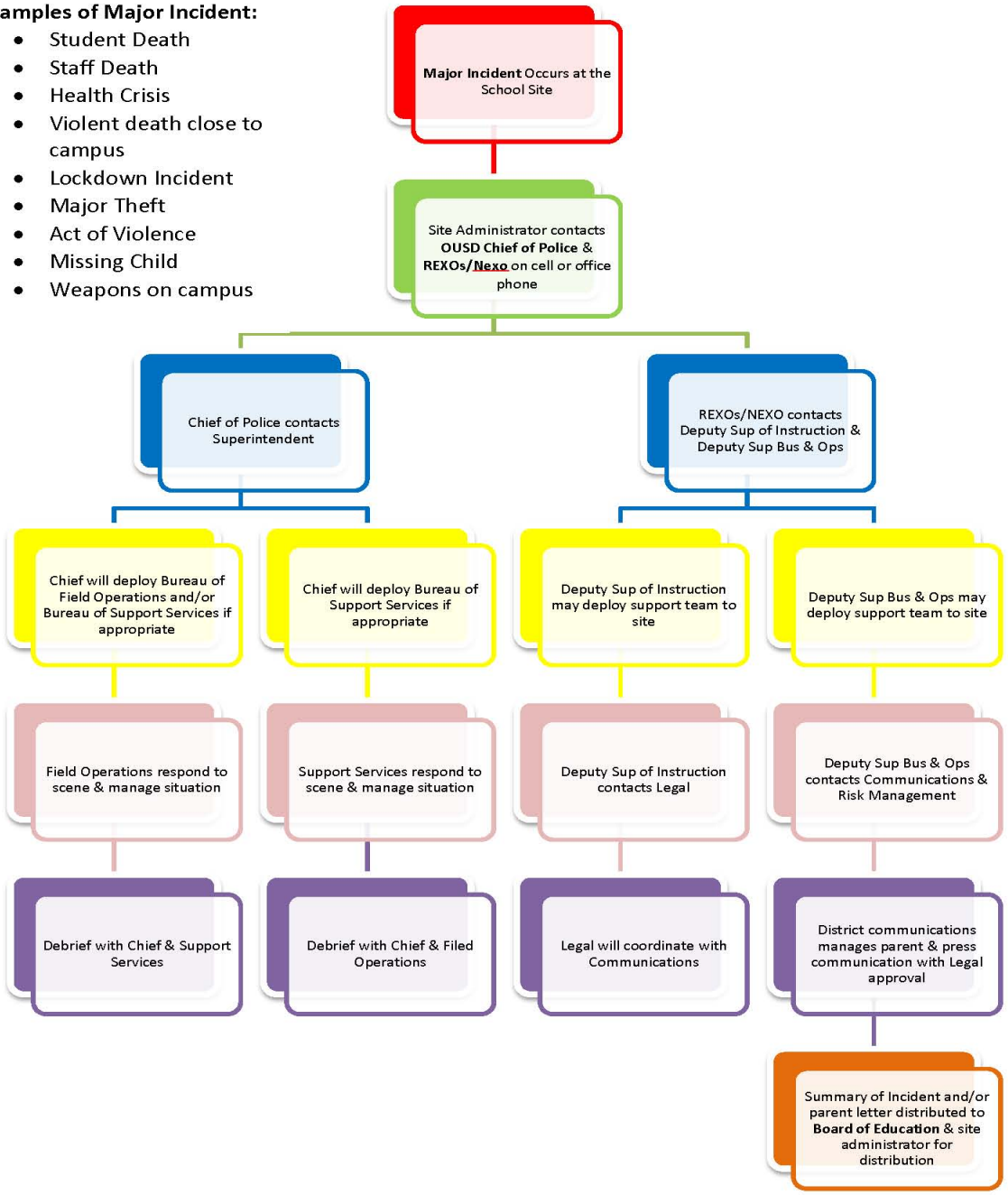
Name: Susan McWilliams	Title: SDC Teacher
Name: Mari Reyes	Title: SDC Teacher
Name: Angelica Hilliard	Title: SDC Teacher
Name: Krista Denman	Title: Blended Inclusion Teacher
Name: Aiste Solly	Title: Resource Specialist Teacher

Section 5: OUSD Emergency Response and Notification Protocol

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Emergency/Crisis Response and Notification Protocol

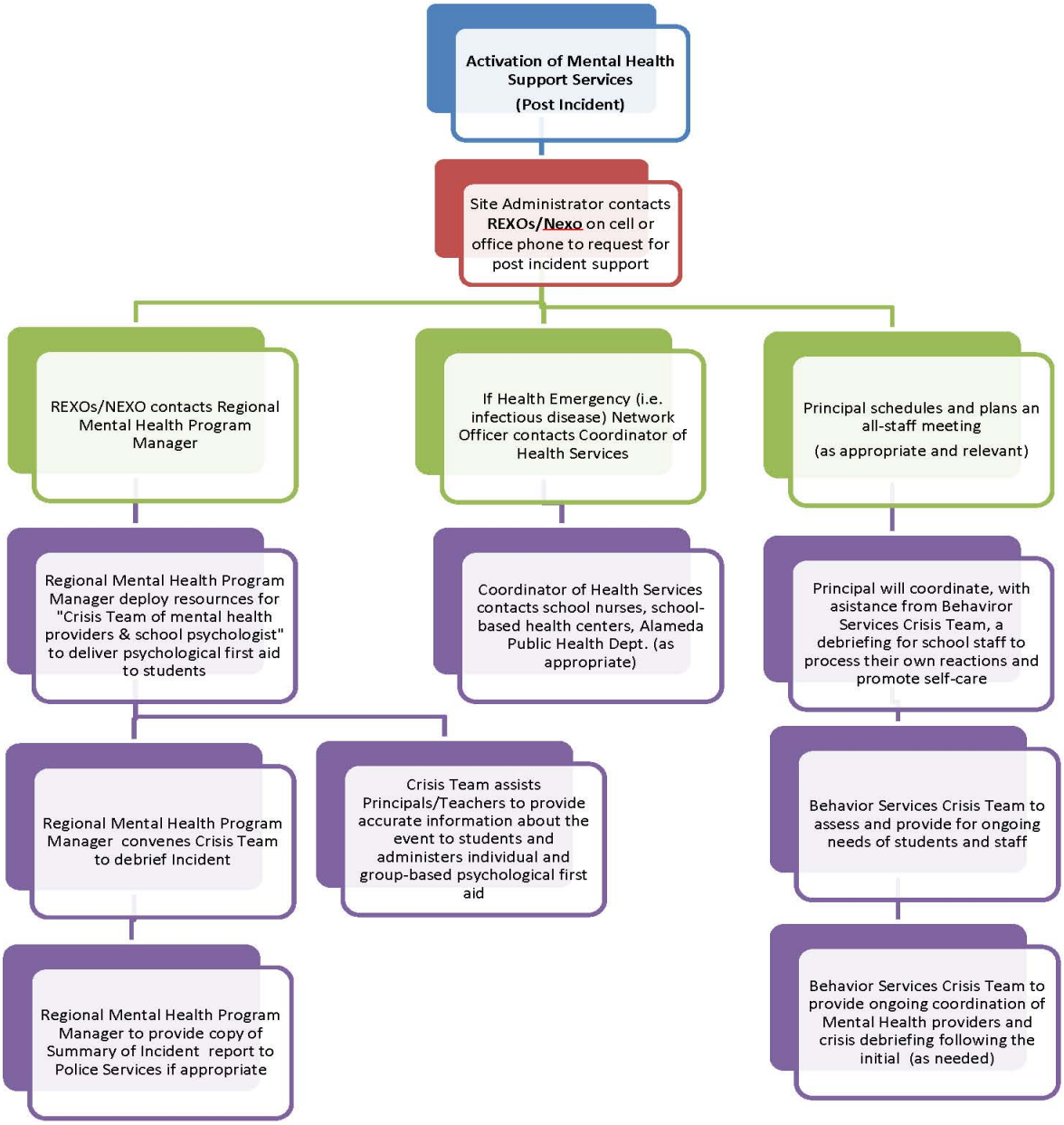
Examples of Major Incident:

- Student Death
- Staff Death
- Health Crisis
- Violent death close to campus
- Lockdown Incident
- Major Theft
- Act of Violence
- Missing Child
- Weapons on campus



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Section 6: Afterschool Program

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

It is important to have a comprehensive safety plan that covers all programs on your school site during regular school hours (8:00 am – 3:00 pm) as well as after school hours (3:00 – 6:00 pm.) Please work with your 'after school coordinator' on the safety planning details to include students in after school programs.

After School Coordinator Name/Contact 1	Name: Phone:
After School Coordinator Name/Contact 2	Name: Phone:
Hours of Operation:	
# of staff:	
# of students:	
# of special needs students:	
# of special needs coordinators:	

Primary on-campus evacuation location:	
Secondary off-campus evacuation location:	
Notification sent to Parents: Yes / No	i.e. flyer, newsletter, mailer, etc. : _____
Emergency Staff Notification Method:	i.e. PA system, mass text, other, etc. _____

Student reunification policy established?	Yes / No (if no, please develop & attach policy)
Has 'after school staff on safety team' completed the mandatory ICS 100/200 training?	Yes / No (if no, please follow these 2 links to complete online: IS-100.SCa Introduction to the Incident Command System for Schools http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS100SCA.asp IS-200.b (ICS 200) ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is200b.asp
After School Safety team established?	Yes / No
List safety team members name:	Safety team member 1: _____ Safety team member 2: _____ Safety team member 3: _____ Safety team member 4: _____ Safety team member 5: _____

EMERGENCY PLAN FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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Emergency Plan
for Students with Special Needs

Emergency Management Plan

The Emergency Management Plan consists of several components including the Model Plan, Appendices with Checklists, Forms, Sample Memos and Agreements, and Annexes. The Emergency Annex for Students with Special Needs is an incident management strategy that serves to augment the Oakland Unified School District Emergency Management Plan. In order to ensure efficient and effective emergency management, the Model Plan must be implemented in its entirety.

I. PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

The information contained in this document will assist school administrators, teachers, special education staff, parents, and students in planning for the support that may be required for students with special needs in the event of an emergency. For the purposes of this annex, students with special needs are those who cannot comfortably or safely access and use the standard resources offered in disaster preparedness, relief and recovery, whether their disability is chronic or temporary.

This plan includes procedures ensuring the full participation of students and staff with special needs and disabilities through the planning and implementation of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery strategies as part of the overall management of school emergencies and disasters. Current thought identifies this population as those with access and functional needs (AFN).

A. Presidential Mandate

On July 22, 2004, President George W. Bush signed Executive Order 13347, Individuals with Disabilities in Emergency Preparedness, which added to existing legislation policy to ensure that the safety and security of individuals with disabilities are appropriately supported and requires public entities to include the unique needs of individuals with disabilities in their emergency preparedness planning.

B. Planning Needs and Assumptions

For individuals with special needs, physical environments become a great deal more hostile and difficult to deal with during and after an emergency. The ability to get to accessible exits and personal items may be reduced. Communication may be impeded at a time when clear and rapid communication is crucial to safety and survival.

To comply with statutes involving students with special needs, individuals responsible for evacuation and emergency operation plans, notification protocols, shelter identification, emergency medical care and other emergency response and recovery programs must:

- **have sound working knowledge** of the accessibility and nondiscrimination requirements applicable under Federal disability rights laws;
- **know the special needs demographics** of the students attending classes on site;
- **involve students** with different types of disabilities, staff, and teachers in identifying the communication and transportation needs, accommodations, support systems, equipment, services, and supplies that they will need during an emergency;
- **consider emergency accommodations** for those with temporary disabilities;
- **identify existing resources** within the school and local community that meet the special needs of these students;
- **develop new community partners** and resources, as needed;
- **inform parents** about the efforts to keep their child safe at school;
- **identify medical needs** and make an appropriate plan;
- **determine transportation needs**, special vans and buses for students;
- **identify any necessary tools** such as personal response plans, evacuation equipment or visual aids;
- **include local responders** and establish a relationship with individual students with disabilities and their teachers.

II. STATUTES FOR SERVICES IN SCHOOL

Federal law mandates that every child will receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment. Children who experience difficulties in school due to physical or psychiatric disorders, emotional or behavioral problems and/or learning disorders or disabilities are entitled to receive special services or accommodations through the public schools. To support their ability to learn in school and participate in the benefits of any district program or activity, including emergency preparedness and school safety plans, three Federal laws apply to children with special needs:

- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (amended 2008)
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1975 (amended 2006)
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (revised 1978)

A. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, including amendments which became effective in 2009, provides "a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities." The ADA prohibits the exclusion of any qualified individual with a disability, by reason of such disability, from participation in or benefits of educational services, programs or activities.

B. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a 1975 federal law, amended by the Office of Special Education Programs in 2006, which ensures services to children with special needs throughout the nation.

IDEA specifies 13 primary categories under the lead definition of a "child with a disability." (See Table 1, Categories of Disability Under IDEA Law.) These federal definitions guide how states define who is eligible for a free, appropriate public education under special education law. The IDEA requires the school to provide an individualized educational program (IEP) that is designed to meet the child's unique needs and provide the child with educational benefit.

Individual Education Program (IEP)

IDEA requires that planning for the educational success of these students is done on an individual, case-by-case basis through the development of an Individual Education Program (IEP). The IEP is a written statement developed for each child with a disability that outlines measurable annual goals for each child's academic achievement and functional performance and specifies accommodations and modifications to be provided for the student.

Students with special needs who are self-sufficient under normal circumstances may have to rely on others in an emergency. They may require additional assistance during and after an incident in functional areas, including, but not limited to: communication, transportation, supervision, medical care and reestablishing independence. While not explicitly stated, a component of the IEP for related services must consider the particular needs of the child to ensure his or her safety during an emergency that includes evacuation from a classroom and building.

C. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

In 1978, the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) issued regulations to implement Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. These regulations applied to institutions receiving federal funds. Section 504, as revised, states in part: "No otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities in the United States . . . shall, solely by reason of the disability be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Under Section 504, any student who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities*, has a record of such an impairment and is regarding as having such an impairment is considered disabled. Typically, children covered under Section 504 either have impairments that do not fit within the eligibility categories of IDEA or that may not be as apparent as those covered under IDEA.

The Individualized School Healthcare Plan (ISHP) articulates the healthcare accommodations required for each student qualified for service under the Section 504 regulation. The ISHP assists in the safe and accurate delivery of healthcare services in school. It is specifically a nursing care plan, developed by the school nurse with parent input. A copy of this plan is included in the school disaster plan and attached to the IEP.

* Major life activities are those basic activities that the average person in the general population can perform with little or no difficulty, such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, working, sitting, standing, lifting, reaching, thinking, concentrating, interacting with others and reading.

Table 1. Categories of Disability under IDEA Law

Federal Disability Term	Alternative Term	Brief Description/ Factors that Elevate Risk in Emergencies	Factors that Reduce Risk in Emergencies
Autism	Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)	Characterized by extraordinary difficulty in social responsiveness; often resistant to environmental change or change in daily routine and experience anxiety over interruption; unusual responses to sensory experiences. May be non-verbal or use argumentative communication.	Structure, routine, normalcy and familiarity with activity
Deaf-blindness		A simultaneous significant hearing and vision loss. Limits the speed of movements.	Guidance from a sighted person
Deafness	Hearing impairment, hard of hearing	A complete or partial loss of hearing that adversely affects a child's educational performance. May not respond to auditory cues.	Written instructions, sign language, specialized communication for direction in an emergency
Emotional disturbance	Behavior disorder, emotional disability	Has limited ability to understand environmental events, situations, or procedures. Needs are categorized as mild, moderate or severe. May disobey or resist direction.	Regulated sensory input
Intellectual disability	Intellectual disability, cognitive impairment	Significant limitations in intellectual ability and adaptive behavior. This disability occurs in a range of severity.	Regulated sensory input
Multiple disabilities		The simultaneous presence of two or more impairments, the combination of which causes such severe educational needs that they cannot be accommodated in a special education program solely for one of the impairments. Does not include deaf-blindness.	
Orthopedic impairment	Physical disability	A significant physical limitation that impairs complete motor activities, strength, vitality or an alertness to environmental stimuli.	Adaptive physical equipment: cane, walker, wheelchair. May require alternative, accessible evacuation route
Other health impairment		A disease or disorder so significant that it negatively affects learning; examples include cancer, sickle- cell anemia, and diabetes.	Continuity of medication management regime
Specific learning disability	Learning disability	A disorder related to processing information that leads to difficulties in reading, writing and computing.	
Speech or language	Communication disorder, stuttering	A disorder related to accurately producing or	Sign language, hand signals, specialized

impairment		sounds of language to communicate.	communication for response in an emergency
Traumatic brain injury	TBI	An acquired injury to the brain caused by an external physical force, resulting in total or partial functional disability or psychosocial impairment, or both that may affect cognition, behavior, social skills and speech.	
Visual impairment	Low vision, blindness	A partial or complete loss of vision	Guidance from a sighted person

Source: U.S. Department of Education: IDEA at
http://idea.ed.gov/explore/view/p/,root,regs,300,A,300%252E8,c,

In addition to students with disabilities specified under IDEA law, the school site administrator or designee must identify individuals with a temporary impediment such as a broken leg or hidden impairments such asthma, panic attacks, significant allergies or heart conditions. Students with such documented medical conditions may not have an IEP in place that would highlight the need for continuing a special medical regime, particularly during a crisis or disaster.

III. MITIGATION AND PREVENTION

Mitigation is the action districts and schools take to identify barriers students with special needs may face during an emergency and eliminate or reduce their adverse effects. A hazards and vulnerability assessment of the site will help in preparing the emergency plan and identifying improvements for safety.

A. Teacher Survey - Students Needing Special Assistance

At the beginning of each year, teachers should provide to the main office the name(s) of students/staff that will require special assistance in the event of an emergency. The type of assistance needed as a result of an injury is also required (e.g., broken leg during the year, etc.).

- **Review** how an emergency may impact the daily routine of students with special needs.
- **Know who is on your school site:** Identify students and staff on the site with special needs and disabilities. The school principal must be aware of all students with special needs using school facilities and services.
- **Identify the students** who are severely handicapped and who might need extra support in emergency crises.
- **Make a list** of the students on the school site who are on medication and their medication schedule.

- **Maintain a list of all resources** regularly relied upon and determine how a disaster might affect the use of them. Examples include use of mobility aids, communication devices and electrically-dependent equipment.

- **Identify all the stakeholders** who should be considered in the plan (i.e., family, friends, service providers, personal attendants, physicians and others).

- **Determine what short term accommodations** to provide for students with temporary disabilities (e.g., broken legs, panic attacks, etc.).

- **Assess** potential hazards. Review evacuation equipment.

B. Mitigation Strategies

- **Learn about the types of hazards** that may impact the school (e.g., earthquakes, floods, wildfires, etc.) and assure that emergency response procedures address each one.

- **Identify a pre-evacuation site** that is accessible to students with disabilities.

- **Plan a primary and secondary evacuation route** from each location the student is in during the course of the day.

- **Arrange sufficient transportation** ahead of time to accommodate the entire special needs/staff population.

- **Develop a schedule** of daily activities and classes that identifies where a special needs student may be located each period of the day.

- **Consider classroom location** in placement of students with disabilities. Evaluate the handicap accessibility of nearby exits and proximity to the school nurse.

- **Conduct a test of the family notification system** to assure that contact information is up-to-date to help decrease parent anxiety during a disaster.

- **Complete the annual Site Safety Plan** to ensure that your site has written information regarding the plan in the event of an emergency. During completion of the annual Site Safety Plan, alert the District if the Site requires safety supplies (e.g., wheelchairs, signage, portable ramps, etc.)

IV. PREPAREDNESS

Preparedness focuses on what steps need to be taken to facilitate a rapid, coordinated, effective response when an emergency occurs to keep the students safe. Collaboration with first responders in preparedness strategies and ongoing communications is essential and facilitates the safe integration of students with disabilities into emergency procedures.

A. General Strategies

Use the forms in APPENDIX A to collect information [see III.A] about individuals with special needs on site (e.g., students with a disability, nature of disability, implications for the student concerning full participation in school emergency planning, etc.). Include teachers, schedules, classrooms, potential needs during an emergency, relevant strategies enabling student to participate successfully with peers in general school activities.

- **Build on current accommodations**, modifications and services.
- **Develop a policy** and consent form for the release of medical information. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) allows medical information to be given to people responsible for assisting in evacuating disabled individuals.
- **Consult parents or guardians** concerning care considerations if the special needs student is isolated at school for a short term or long-term basis. Inform parents about efforts to keep their child safe at school.
- **Incorporate pre-negotiated contracts** for services that may be needed in case of an emergency (e.g., transportation, food, etc.).
- **Obtain necessary equipment and supplies**, create evacuation maps and facilities information.
- **Inform and train staff** about emergency response protocols. Encourage teachers to discuss emergency procedures with parents as part of IEP meeting or other review.

B. Buddy System

Pairing students up with special needs students for emergency response (the "buddy system") can help with critical backup when a skilled assistant is unavailable or separated from the class. Buddies need to be willing and able to assist students in an evacuation by accompanying the individual to a safer enclosure or waiting for emergency responders. The buddy must be acceptable to the student with a special need. Also, teachers in adjacent classrooms can be pre-assigned joint responsibility for both classes if one of the teachers is busy with an injured student.

To have an effective buddy system:

- Give the student the opportunity to select his or her own buddy.
- Identify a buddy who is appropriate (e.g. strong, responsible, etc.).
- Designate a backup buddy.
- Train for the specific need of the special needs student.
- Hold practice sessions to assure that buddies can handle their tasks.
- Train the buddies on how to communicate with the students and how to safely evacuate.

Buddies must be able to make contact quickly with the special needs student when the need arises. The following situations may interfere with this critical communication. Use the suggested strategy as an alternative.

- The buddy is in the building, but away from the customary work area.
  Have a trained backup buddy in place.

- The buddy cannot locate the person with a special need because the person is absent.
  Keep an updated roster of who is at school each day. Assign a temporary buddy when the primary buddy is absent.

- The buddy has left the class/program, and a new one has yet to be identified.
  Make an effort to find a replacement as soon as possible. Assign a temporary buddy until there is a permanent buddy.

- The buddy forgets or is frightened and abandons the special needs person.
  Check on each special needs student to assure he/she is accounted for during an evacuation. Practice drills will help diffuse real-time fright.

C. Medication Management

Most students with special needs have very individualized medication schedules that cannot be interrupted without serious consequences. Medicines or medical devices may not be available in emergency shelters. Make alternative arrangements to meet these needs. Consider how medicines can be stored in an emergency. Heat waves and power outages can affect the potency and integrity of some medications. Include an ice chest and cold packs among the school emergency supplies. If there is a power outage, the ice packs can extend the safe temperature range of medications requiring cold storage until the power is restored.

- **Ask caregivers to supply a 72-hour supply** of medication in a Ziploc bag with instructions; a refrigerated kit is also advised for medication if needed with instructions.

- **Gather all medications** before evacuation.

- **Transport special medications**, supplies and equipment with the special needs student.

- **Carry contact and medical information** for all students and provide individual medical information on a laminated card with a lanyard to be worn around the neck. See **Appendix C** for an example of the Emergency Medical Card.

D. Access to Communication

Communication access enables effective interaction with people who are deaf or blind or who have speech, vision or hearing limitations. Make written materials available in alternative formats (e.g., Braille, large print, disks, and audio cassettes, etc.) and provide hearing-assistive technologies such as amplified phones. Include auxiliary aids and services such as sign language interpreters. Alarm systems for fires and other emergencies will benefit most people if they incorporate both audible and visual elements. The hearing impaired students may be best alerted by flashing light alarms. **An emergency is not the time to learn how to work a rarely-used assistive device. The most effective communication systems are those used daily**.

- Give **clear, succinct** verbal instructions.

- **Use gestures** to communicate important information.

- **Pictorial representations**, where appropriate, can provide quick and easily understood instruction to many individuals with limited English proficiency, and some individuals with cognitive disabilities.

- **Guide students** with low vision or blindness.

- **Utilize electronic variable messaging boards**, short message systems (SMS), teletypewriters (TTY) or telecommunications display devices (TDD), if you have them.

- **Identify staff** with foreign language skills, if needed.

- **Practice basic American Sign Language** with aides, buddies, volunteers and evacuation for emergency words and instructions such as:

  - *important,*
  - *must leave now*
  - *elevator closed*
  - *emergency*
  - *fire*
  - *stairs there*
  - *keep calm*
  - *fire exit*
  - *okay*

E. Time Management

Following a crisis, children with special needs are likely to respond to any form of stress with more extreme reactions. **Allow extra time** for them to make necessary preparations in an emergency.

Some students with special needs will need more time to comprehend the emergency. The earlier the notification, the better the chances are for a successful evacuation. Consider the triggers and cues for these students and anticipate their reactions. Prepare students for changes in routine. Some students may need to be more protected or isolated to minimize distractions and sources of agitation during the height of a crisis. Adult supervision may need to be more intense for a while.

Allow time for discussion of the traumatic events in a safe and familiar setting. Provide choices in activities to the extent feasible to give these students some sense of control over even a small part of their lives.

F. Preparedness Supplies

Classroom Supplies. A classroom that is used for teaching students with special needs should store disability-related supplies, assistive equipment and tools that may be required in an emergency. Parents should provide for students with dietary restrictions. Among the basic supplies to have in the classroom are:

- ❒ Batteries in different sizes, for adaptive equipment
- ❒ Lockdown kit, including portable toilet, privacy screen, toilet paper, toilet bowl liners disinfectant, and plastic bag for disposal
- ❒ Water pouches for drinking
- ❒ Water for hygiene purposes
- ❒ Copies of all students' Emergency Information Forms (secured)
- ❒ Backup copies of medical prescriptions (secured)
- ❒ Hand tools (e.g., screwdriver, wrench, pliers, etc.)
- ❒ Heavy work gloves
- ❒ Whisk broom
- ❒ Tarp
- ❒ Solar/crank/battery radio
- ❒ Cell phone and phone charger
- ❒ Flashlight and extra batteries or crank flashlight
- ❒ First aid kit
- ❒ Small ice chest for refrigerated medications
- ❒ Evacuation assistive equipment
- ❒ Protein bars (without nuts or nut oil)
- ❒ Canned fruit
- ❒ Carbohydrate-free foods for meals (e.g. canned meat, nuts, jerky, etc.)*
- ❒ Feminine hygiene supplies
- ❒ Household chlorine bleach to kill bacteria or antibacterial soap
- ❒ Facial tissues
- ❒ Whistle/noisemaker

* for diabetic students

Go Kits. Portable preparedness supplies individualized for each student's needs, called "Go Kits", are an integral part of preparedness planning. Ask parents and caretakers to provide Go Kits at the beginning of the school year. Plan for a child with special dietary needs. Designate which staff members are responsible for reminding parents to replenish their child's kit and notify the school of changes. Each Go Kit should include, as a minimum:

- ❒ Lightweight uncomplicated backpack
- ❒ Emergency Information Form – see *Appendix B* for example
- ❒ Medication for up to 36 hours
- ❒ Emergency Medical Card, laminated and attached to a lanyard to be worn during an emergency. See *Appendix C* for example. Card should include:
  - o contact information
  - o medical requirements
  - o allergies and sensitivities
  - o adaptive equipment used
  - o assistance needs and limitations

G. Drills

Drill practice is very important; it increases skills and instills confidence in each individual's ability to cope during an emergency. Educational techniques such as role-playing or the use of audio visual aids can also be helpful.

- o Hold regular drills so that students become familiar with the procedures.
- o Know how to get to all the exits.
- o Practice using evacuation and assistive devices.
- o Give clear, concise instructions
- o Practice dealing with different circumstances and unforeseen situations, such as blocked paths or exits or buddies that cannot be located.

H. Key Practices for Certain Impairments

Emergency planning for students with special needs should be as individual as the students. Some students may be at increased risk during an emergency and will need extra assistance or special attention. If possible confer with students and parents regarding their preference for emergency situations. Assess capabilities, limitations and needs and to determine what type of evacuation assistance will be required in an emergency for each student.

Children with disabilities generally have specific "triggers"—words, images, sounds—that signal danger or disruption to their feelings of safety and security. If adults miss these cues, children may escalate their behavior to a point where they completely lose control. *It is essential that parents/caregivers and teachers work together to share information about triggers and cues*. This is best

done on a regular basis, such as during the IEP meeting or a periodic review meeting, rather than in response to a crisis.

There is no one-size-fits-all approach. However, there are key practices that should be considered for certain impairments.

1. **Cognitive/Developmental:** Some students may not comprehend the nature of the emergency and could become disoriented or confused about the proper way to react. Students with hypertension, dyslexia or learning disabilities will have difficulty reading complicated directions for evacuation or response plans. Simple diagrams or pictures will give non-reading or overstressed students sufficient information to get to safety. Train your staff how to assist those who become upset. Check that evacuation routes have directional signs that are easy to follow. Practice evacuation route(s) with students regularly. Use simple diagrams or pictures to give non-reading or overstressed students sufficient information to get to safety. **Preparedness kits should include:**
    - comfort items
    - pen and paper
    - visual communication instructions

2. **Hearing**: Provide sign language training to some staff for students who may not be able to hear emergency warnings. Have teachers practice basic hand signals with hearing impaired students for emergency communications. Alerting devices, such as strobe lights and vibrating pagers, can be used to supplement audible alarms and are useful for students with hearing impairments. Install both audible and visual smoke alarms in the classroom and building. **Preparedness kits should include:**
    - pen and paper
    - flashlight to communicate in the dark
    - extra hearing aid batteries
    - batteries for TTY and light phone signaler

3. **Mobility:** Limited mobility may impair egress and access to locations. Arrange and secure furniture and other items to provide barrier-free paths of travel. Disaster debris may obstruct evacuation. Store a lightweight manual wheelchair, if available. Train the staff the proper way to move an individual in a wheelchair. Mobility impaired students should practice moving their wheel chairs or having them moved into doorways, locking their wheels and covering their heads with a book or with their arms or hands. **Preparedness kits for those who use wheelchairs should include:**
    - heavy gloves for making way over glass or debris
    - extra battery for electric wheelchairs recommended but may not be practical
    - patch kit for punctured wheels
    - flashlight and whistle

4. **Respiratory:** Students with respiratory impairments may have difficulty breathing when walking distances or descending stairs. Smoke, dust, fumes, chemicals, and other odors often exacerbate such limitations. For these students, include emergency evacuation masks and respirators in classrooms. Have oxygen and respiratory equipment readily available. Students and staff

should practice putting on and removing this equipment as part of an emergency drill. **Preparedness kits should include:**

- medical schedule and dosages
- medical mask, if student can wear one
- any medical equipment needed for 72 hours
- note paper and pen

5. **Medically Fragile:** Many illnesses can be aggravated by stress. In the event of a disaster that requires students to be at school for an extended period of time, medication may need to be administered to students with a healthcare plan. Schools should consider who will administer these medications in the event a nurse is not available during a disaster. Keep medications, authority to administer the medication forms, and healthcare plans in the vicinity of the medically fragile student.

   It is the parent's responsibility to maintain medical supplies, notify the school of changes and provide new doctor's orders. It is the nurse's responsibility to remind the parent to provide medications and update orders when notified.

6. **Speech/Auditory:** Determine in advance the best way for the student to communicate with others during an emergency. Provide written emergency and evacuation instructions on a card, carried at all times and placed in an easy to see location. **Preparedness kits should include:**
   - extra batteries for communication equipment
   - note paper and pen
   - comfort items

7. **Visual:** Those with visual impairments may have to depend on others to lead them to safety during a disaster and may be reluctant to leave familiar surroundings. Employ Braille signage or audible directions for students who are blind or have low vision. Emergency back-up lighting systems, especially in stairwells and other dark areas, will benefit those students with limited visual acuity. Mark emergency supplies with large print or Braille. Students should know where the nearest telephones and alarm boxes are located and how to describe their location. **Preparedness kits should include:**
   - extra folding white cane
   - heavy gloves for feeling the way over glass or debris
   - colored poncho worn for visibility
   - comfort items

I. Developing a Special Needs Evacuation Plan

Creation of an Evacuation Plan should cover the evacuation, transportation and medical needs of students who will require extreme special handling in an emergency. In most cases, additional safeguards must be established regarding roles, responsibilities and procedures for students with physical, sensory, emotional and health disabilities.

1. **Review all paths of travel and potential obstacles.**

   - Know your school grounds, paths, exits and potential obstacles.

   - Determine the primary and secondary paths of exit to be used during emergencies. Individuals with mobility impairments will need a smooth, solid, level walking surface; an exit that avoids barriers such as stairs, narrow doors, and elevators; and guardrails that protect open sides of the path.

   - Compile and distribute evacuation route information to be used during emergency operations.

   - Include alternative evacuation route information, should the primary route be inaccessible due to damage or danger.

2. **Install appropriate signage and visual alarms.**

   - Place evacuation information indicating primary and secondary exits in all offices, classrooms, multipurpose rooms, lunchrooms, hallways/corridors, lobbies, bathrooms and cafeterias. For passages and doorways that might be mistaken for an exit, place visible signs that proclaim, “NOT AN EXIT”.

   - Place emergency notification devices appropriate for each student.

   - Post signage with the name and location of each area so that the students will know exactly where they are. In order to comply with ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities requirements, the signage should be:
     - approximately 60 inches above the floor;
     - in a location that is not obscured in normal operation such as a swinging door;
     - in all primary function areas

3. **Identify the students and staff with special needs and they type of assistance they will require in an emergency.**

   - Allow visitors to self-identify on a sign-in log if they have special evacuation needs.

   - Discuss evacuation issues with the staff members and caretakers of students with special needs. Include individuals, who may be temporarily disabled (e.g., a student with a broken leg, etc.).

4. **Train staff in general evacuation procedures.**

   - Review the areas of rescue, primary exits, evacuation techniques, and the locations and operation of emergency equipment.

   - Provide in-depth training to those designated to evacuate students with special needs.

- Train the staff in proper lifting techniques when lifting a person for evacuation. Anyone can assist a student with a visual impairment.

- Check on each special needs student to assure he/she is accounted for during an evacuation.

5. Review the plan with emergency response personnel, including local police, fire and emergency medical technicians.

- Identify “areas of rescue” in your school for students to wait for evacuation assistance from emergency personnel.

- Before school begins in the fall, walk around the site with first responders so that they are familiar with the primary exits and all areas of rescue. These areas must meet specifications for fire resistance and ventilation.

- Ask the responders to conduct a special drill explaining how they will support the students and staff with special needs during an emergency.

6. Complete all contracts and Statements of Understanding with key emergency support providers

- Ensure that sufficient transportation capacity exists with transportation providers, partner agencies, and suppliers to effectively meet the demand in an emergency.

- Identify transportation contracts through the district in case of an emergency. Emergency response for special needs requires special vans and special equipment. Specify who will do what to address these transportation needs.

- Develop a list of school-owned vehicles, staff vehicles and parent vehicles that are available and make prior arrangements for their use in the event of an emergency.

7. Review the evacuation plan with students and staff to be familiar with the process and identify any problems.

- Practice implementation of special duck and cover actions by students with able-bodied partners.

- Students should be aware that evacuation by themselves may be difficult or impossible because of obstacles in their path or because electricity-dependent machines may not function (i.e., elevator).

- Special pre-planned assistance must be provided and reviewed regularly. Classrooms should have emergency activity kits with items familiar to the students.

- Include students with special needs in the selection of emergency evacuation devices.

- Mobility-impaired students should practice getting in doorways, locking wheel chair wheels and covering their head with a book, arms or hands.

- Train all aides who are assigned to students with special needs in evacuation procedures.

- Provide procedures for receiving students with special needs at the pre-designated evacuation site.

- Remind parents and caregivers that they are responsible for updating emergency information with the schools.

IV. RESPONSE

The Response phase is the immediate reaction to an emergency to save lives and protect property. Proactive efforts in the Mitigation-Prevention and Preparedness phases will impact the quality of response. Responses will vary depending upon the severity and intensity of the event.

A. Leadership by District of Service

In an emergency, the site administrator has responsibility for the safety of all children on the site.

B. Assess the Situation

- Determine the immediacy of the emergency.
- Remove anyone with respiratory complications from smoke and vapors immediately.
- If not in immediate danger, stay in place until staff personnel determine the nature of the situation.
- If trapped, get the attention of others by calling out or striking object together to make noise.

C. Announce the Emergency

1. **To Alert Deaf and Hearing Impaired** – The primary goal is to effectively communicate the nature of the situation and direct them to the appropriate route of evacuation. Students with hearing impairments will most likely be able to follow the same exit route as those who can hear. Communicate with a notepad and pen, with simple, concise speech or with sign language. Regardless of the method of communication used, convey two key messages:

    - there is an emergency
    - how to exit

2. **To Alert Blind or Visually Impaired** – Someone who is blind or visually impaired will generally be able to evacuate the same route as sighted students, but may need some assistance. Describe the nature the emergency and offer to guide him/her to the nearest emergency exit and evacuation assembly area.

    - Touch the person on the elbow gently.

- Identify yourself and quickly explain the situation.
- Ask if the individual has any preferences regarding how to be guided.
- Clearly describe where you are going and any approaching obstacles or protruding objects which will require a change in your walking path or pattern.
- Be protective of your space as there may be many people using the same route to evacuate.

3. **To Alert Cognitively or Emotionally Impaired** – It is likely that students with cognitive or emotional impairments will be able to use the same evacuation routes as the other students. The challenge is to keep them calm as you exit. If there is a buddy or companion assistant, quickly describe the situation and how to involve him or her in the evacuation. Let the student know what is happening. Keep him/her reassured.

D. Lockdown/Shelter-in-Place Strategies

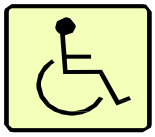
- Set up screens/curtains for those needing privacy for emotional issues and personal hygiene.
- Use Go Kits for immediate necessities.
- Keep students away from windows and doors.
- Use the buddy system to provide comfort and reassurance.

E. Implement Evacuation

- Carry all medication, supplies, equipment and dietary needs with student, including the 72-hour disaster kit that has been prepared ahead of time for individual student needs.
- Ask the student how he/she would like to be assisted.
- Use the buddy system.
- Inform emergency personnel of intended destination and type of assistance needed. If unable to contact emergency personnel, ask others to make the notification for assistance.
- Move to designated evacuation area. The path should be unobstructed.
- Be careful of falling debris as you leave the building.
- Provide priority assistance to wheelchair users with electrical respirators. Evacuate mobility devices with the person if possible.

To Evacuate Persons Using Wheelchairs

If the person wants to be moved in his/her chair, keep the following considerations in mind:



- Turn off the wheelchair's power before lifting.
- Turn the wheelchair so it is lowered down the stairs backwards (person facing up the stairs), so the occupant cannot slip forward out of the chair and down the stairs.
- Powered wheelchairs have very heavy batteries; an evacuation chair for stairs may be needed with the powered chair to be retrieved later.
- If a seatbelt is available, use it. If the person needs to be removed from his/her wheelchair for an evacuation, ask the following:
    - how he/she prefers to be moved from the chair;
    - whether pain or harm will result from moving extremities;
    - if any equipment is needed for immediate safety of life-support, e.g. backup generator for respirator.

F. Transport Students

Transportation is a well-established component of emergency response plans, and requires planning and detailed focus for children with access and functional needs. Special transport is not provided for students with Section 504 eligibility.

- **Maintain a transportation resources** list by type and availability, including vehicle accessibility and capacity information.
- **Develop procedures for the acquisition of additional accessible transportation equipment**, securement devices, supplies, and resources before a disaster.
- **Provide staff training**, including a review of procedures for transporting persons with a variety of assistance needs, as well as the transport of service animals.
- **Identify strategies for tracking individuals** who are evacuated. Information should include the passenger's name, point of origin, departure time, final destination, and arrival time.
- **Maintain a master list of drivers** by status and availability.
- **Provide drivers with an operational roster** to complete and maintain, at minimum, with the following information:
    - Name of driver
    - Driver's telephone number
    - Time departed staging area
    - Time arrived at sheltering location

- Vehicle number
- Sheltering location
- Trip mileage

- **Determine the appropriate transportation response** for persons unable to reach a pick up/drop off location or staging area on their own.
  What entity will handle such needs, and what types of vehicles/equipment will be required?
  Check with the school district regarding the transportation contracts and agreements.

- **Account for all students** before transportation occurs and after arrival at the destination.

- **Transport all passengers** to the pre-designated evacuation destination by the safest route. Use alternative routes only as necessary.

- **Use buses.** Consider other modes of transportation only if buses are unable to get to the school quickly or are not available. Refer to the list of school-owned vehicles, staff vehicles and parent vehicles that are available.

G. Reassess Needs

Request additional support, if needed.

H. Other Considerations for Special Needs Populations

- **Store** extra batteries for electric wheelchairs and hearing aids.

- **Lead** evacuees to a safe place with other teachers and staff.

- **Remain** with the special needs student after the evacuation.

- **Recognize** that the fine details are unique to each student;

IV. RECOVERY

The Recovery phase is designed to assist students, teachers, staff and visitors to restore educational operations in school. Recovery is an ongoing process that includes not only the mental, emotional and physical healing process of students, teachers and staff, but also restoration of the physical assets of the school (buildings and grounds) to a safe and habitable environment.

A. Restoration

- **Account** for all the students, teachers, and staff.
- **Meet the medical needs**.
- **Conduct daily debriefing** for staff, responders, and others assisting in recovery.
- **Provide stress management support** during class time.
- **Discuss recovery**, what to do with students if they must remain on site for 2-3 days.
- **Communicate with parents**, guardians and the local community.
- **Conduct after-action briefing** to capture key lessons learned and recommendations for improvements to the school plan.

B. Supportive Services

- **Needs Assessment** – quickly identify needs and the support necessary to meet them.
- **Information** – provide important information on community resources that connects school families who need help with available services and assistance.
- **Language** – ensure that critical information is conveyed in a language appropriate for non-English speaking families that the standard media may not reach.
- **Transportation** – support the mobility needs with accessible transportation resources to disaster service areas.
- **Replacement Equipment** – support students with special needs with the guidance to acquire replacement of vital personal equipment (e.g., crutches, hearing aides, wheelchairs,

C. Reassurance

Experiencing a disaster can be overwhelming. Stress often exacerbates existing medical conditions and may alter thought and behavior. Reassurance is the key to helping children through a traumatic time. Support individuals with access and functional needs by providing verbal reassurance and information to help orient them to new surroundings and new routines.

- **Make sure physical needs are addressed** and medical assistance is provided, as needed.
- **Reconnect students** with family and other support systems as early as possible.
- **Address concerns** about safety. Talk to each child at his or her developmental age, not chronological age. Use language the child understands.
- **Provide information through pictures** and allow children time to see, hear, talk and draw.
- **Expect some regression** (increase in problem behaviors).
- **Deal with inappropriate behaviors** calmly and consistently—Keep emotional equilibrium.
- **Minimize the disruption**. If the normal routine is unavoidably altered, create a new one.
- **Offer concrete/immediate solutions** to abstract problems. Use clear examples. Repeat responses patiently.

After the danger has passed, the school will be anxious to return to normal. Both people and resources are needed to speed recovery. The talents of individual with disabilities should not be underestimated. Every member of a community can provide some support.

APPENDIX A

School Emergency Evacuation Planning Checklist		
	YES	**NO**
Do you have a roster of your students with special needs?		
Have you identified students with special needs on site from other school districts?		
Have you identified the medical needs of your students with special needs and their medication schedule?		
Have you walked the evacuation paths and exits looking for potential obstacles?		
Has an evacuation site been identified that is accessible to students and staff with special needs?		
Is the primary evacuation path marked to clearly show the route?		
Is there sufficient oxygen for 72 hours?		
Have you identified any necessary tools such as personal response plans, evacuation equipment or visual aids for students with special needs?		
Have you identified communication needs with students who have limited English proficiency?		
Have you considered emergency accommodations for those with temporary disabilities?		
Have you identified an evacuation site that is accessible to students and staff with special needs?		
Have you identified a secondary evacuation site?		
Has a “buddy system” been developed for each student?		
Have you identified all of your communication needs for your students with special needs?		
Have you trained the staff on proper lifting techniques?		
Have staff, students and families been encouraged to provide 72 hour medications?		
Has evacuation route information been compiled and distributed to staff?		

APPENDIX B

Emergency Information Form for Students with Special Needs

Last name:

Date form completed	Revised	Initials
By Whom	Revised	Initials

Name:	Birth date:	Nickname:
Home Address:	Home/Work Phone:	
Parent/Guardian:	Emergency Contact Names & Relationship:	
Signature/Consent*:		
Primary Language:	Phone Number(s):	
Physicians:		
Primary Care Physician:	Emergency Phone:	
	Fax:	
Current Specialty Physician:	Emergency Phone:	
Specialty:	Fax:	
Current Specialty Physician:	Emergency Phone:	
Specialty:	Fax:	

*Consent for release of this form to health care providers

American College of Emergency Physicians® American Academy of Pediatrics

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Last name:

Diagnoses/Past Procedures/Physical Exam *(Continued)*

Medications/Dosages:		
1.		
2.		
3.		Prostheses/Appliances/ Technology Devices:
4.		
5.		

Management Data:

Allergies: Medications/Foods to be avoided	and why:
1.	
2.	
3.	
Procedures to be avoided	**and why:**
1.	
2.	
3.	

Common Presenting Problems/Findings With Specific Suggested Managements

Problem	Suggested Diagnostic Studies	Treatment Considerations

Comments on child, family, or other specific medical issues:	
Physician/Provider Signature:	**Print Name:**

APPENDIX C

Laminate this card and affix it to a lanyard for the special needs student to wear during an emergency.

Emergency Medical Information Card

Student Name:	Photo:
School: **Grade :** **School Phone:**	
Medical Condition:	
Parent/Guardian:	**Home Phone:**
Home Address:	**Work Phone:** **Cell Phone:**
Parent:/Guardian:	**Home Phone:**

Parents are responsible for updating the student's emergency information and medications.

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Emergency Medical Information Card

Student Name:	Birth date:
Blood Type:	**Allergies:**
Physical Limitations:	
Communication Difficulties:	
Adaptive Equipment::	

Primary Care Physician:	**Emergency Phone:**
Specialty Physician:	**Emergency Phone:**
Insurance Company :	**Policy Number:**

Medications	Dosages/Frequency

APPENDIX D

72 Hour Disaster Medication
Authorization To Administer Medication

STUDENT MEDICATION – Legal Reference: Education Code Section 49423
"…any pupil who is required to take, during the regular school day, medication prescribed for him/her by a physician, may be assisted by the school nurse or other designated school person, if the school district received (1.) a written statement from such a physician detailing the name of the medication, the method, amount, and time schedules by which such medication is to be taken, and (2.) a written statement from the parent or guardian of the pupil indicating the desire that the school district assist the pupil in the matter set for in the physician's statement." No other medication is to be administered by school personnel. This includes all medication available without a prescription. **Medication is to be sent in the original container labeled with the name of the student, name of prescribing physician, name of medication and instructions. This form must be completed and included. It is the parent's responsibility to update this form as needed.**

Student_____ **Grade**_____ **Teacher**_____ **Date**_____

Parent_____ **Phone(s)**_____

Health Care Provider_____ **Phone**_____

1.	Medication(s)	Dose	Frequency	Duration	Possible Side Effects
	_____	____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	____	_____	_____	_____

2. **Additional Information and/or Precautions** regarding medications or student's condition:

_____

3. I am the parent/guardian of the above student and I have lawful custody of said child. I hereby give consent to appropriate District personnel to administer or assist in administering medication(s) and/or treatment as specified by his/her health care provider. Furthermore, I hereby give consent to the District to receive from, or send to, the health care provider any information concerning my child's medical condition.

Parent/Guardian Signature_____ **Date**_____

4. **Complete this section for medications which student may self-administer:

AUTHORIZATION FOR SELF-ADMINISTRATION:

A. **Student:** I certify that I have read and understand the instructions regarding the self-administration of my medications(s). I agree to take these above described medications in compliance with my health care provider's recommendations.

Student Signature_____ **Date**_____

B. **Parent/Guardian:** My child has been instructed in the proper dosage and administration of the above medication and has demonstrated the ability to self-administer it. We/I (Parent/Guardian) request that s/he be permitted to self-administer it as directed by our health care provider in compliance with District policy and procedures.

Parent/Guardian Signature_____ **Date**_____

5. **HEALTH CARE PROVIDER:** I am a physician actively licensed by the state of California.
Attached hereto is a prescription for the medication/treatment specified above.
( ) Initial here if student has been properly trained and is able to self-administer

PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE_____ **Date**_____

Please Print/Stamp Physician
Name, Address, Phone here:

Original – File
Copy – School Nurse & Teacher

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72 Horas Medicamentos en caso de Desastre
AUTORIZACIÓN PARA ADMINISTRAR MEDICINAS

MEDICINAS PARA ALUMNOS Referencia Legal: Código Educacional Sección 49423
«…cualquier alumno que debe tomar medicina recetada por su médico durante el día escolar, puede obtener la ayuda de la enfermera escolar u otro personal escolar designado, si el distrito escolar ha recibido (1) declaración escrita del médico detallando el nombre de la medicina, método, dosis y horario de administración de tal medicamento, y (2) una declaración escrita del padre o guardian del alumno indicando su consentimiento para que el distrito escolar asista al estudiante a tomar la medicina de acuerdo con las instrucciones del médico.» Ningun otro medicamento puede ser administrado por el personal escolar. Esto incluye medicamentos disponibles sin receta.
Las medicinas se deben mandar a la escuela en el envase original claramente marcado con el nombre del estudiante, nombre del médico quien lo autoriza, nombre de la medicina e instrucciones. Favor de completar y adjuntar este formulario también. ***Favor de notar que es la responsabilidad de los padres de estar seguros que la información en este formulario esté al corriente.***

Estudiante _____ **Grado** ____ **Maestro/a** _____ **Fecha** _____

Padre/Madre _____ **Teléfono** _____ **o** _____

(*La sección de abajo debe ser completado por el médico*)

** **Health Care Provider** _____ **Telephone** _____

1. **Medications** **Dose** **Frequency** **Duration** **Possible Side Effects**

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

2. **Additional Information and/or Precautions** regarding medication or student's condition:

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3. Soy el/la Padre/Guardian del estudiante nombrado arriba y tengo custodia legal de él/ella. Por medio de esto doy mi permiso al personal apropriado del Distrito en administrar o ayudar en la administracion de medicamentos y/ o tratamiento como es especificado por su médico. Además, doy consentimiento al distrito para recibir de o mandar a este proveedor de salud cualquiera información acerca de la condición de salud de mi hijo/a..

Firma de Padre/Madre/Guardian: _____ **Fecha** _____

4. Si el estudiante puede administrar medicamentos por sí mismo, hay que llenar este contrato:

AUTORIZACIÓN PARA AUTO-ADMINISTRACIÓN:

A. **Estudiante**: Certifico que he leido las instrucciones acerca de la autoadministración de mi(s) medicina(s). Estoy de acuerdo con tomar estas medicinas nombradas arriba según las recomendaciones del médico.

Firma del Estudiante: _____ **Fecha** _____

B. **Padre/Madre/Guardian**: Mi hijo/a ha sido instruido en la administración y dosis correcta de las medicinas(s) nombrada(s) arriba y ha demostrado la habilidad de autoadministrarsela(s). Nosotros/Yo (Padre/Guardian) pedimos que el/ella tenga permiso de administrarse la(s) medicina(s) a sí mismo según las instrucciones de nuestro médico y las reglas del Distrito.

Firma de Padre/Madre/Guardian: _____ **Fecha** _____

4. ****Health Care Provider**: I am a physician actively licensed by the State of California. **Attached hereto is a prescription for the medication/treatment specified above.**

[ ] * initial here if student has been properly trained and is able to self-administer

Physician Signature _____ **Date** _____

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APPENDIX E
Online Resources

American Red Cross*, People with Disabilities*
http://www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/disabilities

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended
http://www.ada.gov/pubs/ada.htm

An Investigation of Best Practices for Evacuating and Sheltering Individuals with Special Needs and Disabilities, National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities, Washington, DC (Oct 2008)
http://www.ncef.org/pubs/evacuating_special_needs.pdf

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, *Meeting the Needs of Vulnerable People in Times of Disaster* (May 2000)
http://www.caloes.ca.gov/AccessFunctionalNeedsSite/Documents/Vulnerable%20Populations.pdf#search=Meeting%2520the%2520Needs%2520of%2520Vulnerable%2520People

Center for Disability Issues in Health Profession, *Evacuation Preparedness Guide*
http://webhost.westernu.edu/hfcdhp/wp-content/uploads/Emergency_Evacuation.pdf

Federal Emergency Management Agency, *Preparing for Disaster for People with Disabilities and Special Needs*
http://www.fema.gov/pdf/library/pfd_all.pdf

Department of Homeland Security, Executive Order 13347, *Individuals with Disabilities in Emergency Preparedness* (July 26, 2004)
https://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/CRCL_IWDEP_AnnualReport_2005.pdf

National Association of School Psychologists, *Coping with Crisis – Helping Children with Special Needs*
https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/war-and-terrorism/helping-children-cope-with-terrorism

National Fire Protection Association, *Personal Emergency Evacuation Planning Tool for School Students with Disabilities*
http://www.preventionweb.net/files/8882_EvacStudentDisabilities.pdf

***Nobody Left Behind,* Report on Exemplary and Best Practices in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response For People with Disabilities** (March 2007)
http://www2.ku.edu/~rrtcpbs/findings/pdfs/bestpractices_3-21-072.pdf

Talking to Children with Special Needs About Tragedy

http://specialchildren.about.com/od/inthecommunity/a/tragedy.htm

U.S. Department of Education, Administration for Children and Families, ***Coping With Disaster: Suggestions for Helping Children with Cognitive Disabilities***
https://ici.umn.edu/products/impact/201/over9.html

U.S. Department of Education, ERCM Express, ***Integrating Students with Special Needs and Disabilities into Emergency Response and Crisis Management Planning*** (Volume 2, Issue 1, 2006)
http://rems.ed.gov/docs/Disability_NewsletterV2I1.pdf

APPENDIX F
Acronyms

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act (1990)
AFN	Acute and Functional Needs
ASC	Advisory Steering Committee
CDE	California Department of Education
ED	Emotionally Disturbed
FAPE	Free and Appropriate Public Education
FERPA	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
HI	Hearing impairment
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	Individual Education Program
ISHP	Individualized School Healthcare Plan
ITP	Individual Transition Plan
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
NSH	Not severely handicapped
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs
RSP	Resource Specialist Program
SDC	Special Day Class
SELPA	Special Education Local Plan Area
SH	Severely Handicapped
SLD	Specific Learning Disability
SLI	Speech/Language Impairment
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
VI	Visually Impaired

School Safety Plan Recommendations and Assurances

School Site Name: EMERSON Site Number 115

The School Site Council (SSC) recommends this comprehensive School Site Safety Plan to the district governing board for approval, and assures the board of the following:

1. The School Site Council is correctly constituted, and was formed in accordance with district governing board policy and state law, per Education Code 52012. Under California Education Code 32281, the School Site Council or its delegates formed a School Site Safety committee with the minimum of the following members:
   - The Principal or designee
   - One teacher who is a representative of the recognized certificated employee organization
   - One parent whose child attends the school
   - One classified employee who is a representative of the recognized classified employee organization
   - Other members, if desired
2. The school plan and safety plan is based upon a thorough analysis of student safety goals/data. The actions and strategies proposed herein form a sound, comprehensive, and coordinated plan to reach stated safety goals and to meet all safety planning procedures.
3. The School Site Council reviewed the content requirements of the Site Safety Plan and assures all requirements have been met.
4. The safety plan was communicated to the public, per Education Code section 35294.2 (e): "*...an updated file of all safety related plans and materials shall be readily available for inspection by the public.*"
5. Opportunity was provided for this school's Safety Plan (per Education Codes Sections 35294.8(b), 35294.2(e), and 32289) for public input and adopted by the School Site Council at a public meeting (s) on: [redacted] 12/15/20

In your Site Safety Plan, include documentation of how you provided an opportunity for public review and how the public can access or review the plan

The public was alerted about the meeting through one of the following:

- Fliers in students' home languages (date) [redacted]
- Announcement at the public meeting (date) [redacted]
- Other - [redacted] (date) 12/15/20

Please specify the type of notice/media announcement.

Signature [redacted] Date 1/4/21

Print name of school principal

Signature [redacted] Date [redacted]

Print name of SSC chairperson

Kathleen Arnold Signature K. Arnold Date 1/13/21

Print name of Network Superintendent

3/11/2021

Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Secretary, Board of Education Date

3/11/2021

Shanthi Gonzales, President, Board of Education Date