

# **Los Gatos Union School District**

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## **Comprehensive School Safety Plan 2020/2021 School Year**

*This Comprehensive School Safety Plan was developed collaboratively with members of the Blossom Hill School Safety Planning Committee and adopted by the Board of the Los Gatos Union School District on 3/11/2021.*

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***LGUSD Board Approval Confirmed by:***

# **Blossom Hill School Comprehensive School Safety Plan**

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## Comprehensive Safety Plan Purpose & Compliance

The California Education Code (sections 32280-32288) outlines the requirements of all schools operating any kindergarten and any grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to write and develop a school safety plan relevant to the needs and resources of that particular school.

In 2004, the Legislature and Governor recast and renumbered the Comprehensive School Safety Plan provisions in SB 719 and AB 115. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting the provisions to support California public schools as they develop their mandated comprehensive safety plans that are the result of a systematic planning process, that include strategies aimed at the prevention of, and education about, potential incidents involving crime and violence on school campuses.

The historical requirement of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan was presented in Senate Bill 187, which was approved by the Governor and chaptered in 1997. This legislation contained a sunset clause that stated that this legislation would remain in effect only until January 1, 2000. Senate Bill 334 was approved and chaptered in 1999 and perpetuated this legislation under the requirement of the initial legislation.

Comprehensive School Safety Plans must include the following elements:

- Assessment of school crime committed on school campuses and at school-related functions
- Child abuse reporting procedures
- Disaster procedures
- Suspension and expulsion policies
- Procedures to notify teachers of dangerous pupils
- Discrimination and harassment policies
- School wide dress code policies
- Procedures for safe ingress and egress
- Policies enacted to maintain a safe and orderly environment
- Rules and procedures on school discipline
- Procedures for conducting tactical responses to criminal incidents, including guns on campuses

The Comprehensive School Safety Plan will be reviewed and revised by school site Safety Planning Committee annually and submitted to the School Board by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Each year the school will report on the status of its school safety plan including a description of its key elements in the annual school accountability report card.

As defined in **LGUSD Board Policy 3516**, LGUSD recognizes the District will develop and maintain a District Emergency and Disaster Plan that conforms to State and local emergency/disaster plan regulations and procedures. The Superintendent shall annually review and update the District plan, and establish procedures for the in-service of all District employees regarding their responsibility for its implementation. Each school principal shall be responsible for the development of a school plan which is school site specific and conforms to the District plan. Each school plan will include the assignment of staff responsibilities, the in-service training of staff and pupils, and provide pertinent and necessary information to parents and the school community. District and school in-services shall include drills and trial emergencies in order to determine process validity.

The Board shall review the comprehensive district wide and/or school safety plan(s) in order to ensure compliance with state law, Board Policy and Administrative Regulation. Approval of the plan shall occur at a regularly scheduled meeting.

A copy of the comprehensive school safety plan shall be available for review at the Blossom Hill School administration offices and online at <https://bh.lgusd.org/>

***Declaration regarding LGUSD Board Policy and Administrative Regulation references:***

*Except when specifically quoted, the LGUSD Board Policies and Administrative Regulations included in this safety plan are for reference only and may include only a summarized version of the official policy language. To review these policies and regulations in their entirety, please visit the LGUSD District Office during regular business hours or view them online at [www.lgusd.org](http://www.lgusd.org)*

## Los Gatos Union School District Mission and Principles

### Mission

Los Gatos Union School District educates all children to their unique potential by teaching, modeling, and supporting the skills and attitudes that contribute to their development as globally and socially responsible citizens.

### Principles and Strategies for Comprehensive School Safety Plan (BP 0450)

The Governing Board recognizes that students and staff have the right to a safe and secure 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 includes strategies for violence prevention and high expectations for student conduct, responsible behavior, and respect for others.

The school site council at each district school shall develop a comprehensive school safety plan relevant to the needs and resources of that particular school. 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.

Working together with our community partners, we will provide a safe campus environment by effectively identifying and addressing issues that may affect our schools' social and physical climate.

## Components of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan

*Site-specific procedures to implement the components of this plan will be included within the body or appendices of this document.*

### School Safety Planning Committee

The School Site Council is responsible for developing the school site safety plan or for delegating the responsibility to a School Safety Planning Committee. (Ed. Code 32281(b)(1))

The School Safety Planning 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(b)(2))

Local law enforcement and fire department has been consulted (Ed. Code 32281(b)(3))

Other members of the school or community may provide valuable insights as members of the School Safety Planning Committee. Additional members may include:

- A representative from the local law enforcement agency
- School Resource Officers
- Counselor
- Special Education Department Chairperson
- One or more key community service providers
- Student representative(s)
- Staff leaders
- Additional parent representatives

## Assessment of School Safety

*Education Code, Section 32282 (a) 1*

An assessment of school safety among LGUSD schools was conducted and included a review of local survey data developed from the results of the Project Cornerstone and District specific culture/climate survey done the year before. Each school site evaluated the data around student perception of safety at school. In addition, we looked at other local measures such as the SEL Weekly Lesson check-ins, truancy, and discipline patterns. Additional input was received from school administrators, law enforcement partners, and our District Safety Team.

## District/Campus Safety Strategies and Programs

*Education Code 32282 (a) 2 (A)-(J)*

As written in **Education Code 32282 (a) 2 (A)-(J)**, LGUSD recognizes the importance of providing a safe school environment that is conducive to learning and helps ensure student safety and the prevention of student injury. The Superintendent or designee shall implement appropriate practices to minimize the risk of harm to students, including, but not limited to, practices relative to school facilities and equipment, the outdoor environment, educational programs, and school-sponsored activities.

### (A) Child Abuse and Neglect (Reporting Procedures)

*Additional code references: Education Code 33308.1; Penal Code 11166*

According to **LGUSD Board Policy 5141.4**, The Board of Trustees recognizes that with concern for each student's total well being, the Governing Board of Trustees directs the district's employees to report known or suspected incidences of child abuse in accordance with state law and district regulations. District employees shall cooperate with the child protective agencies responsible for reporting, investigating and prosecuting cases of child abuse.

This policy and its administrative guidelines apply to all certificated employees and any other district employees designated by law as a "child care custodian," or "health practitioner as defined by state law. (Penal Code 11165.7 and 11165.8) The Superintendent shall develop and implement regulations for identifying and reporting child abuse. The Superintendent shall provide training in child abuse identification and reporting of all certificated personnel, instructional and teacher aides, teacher assistants and other classified employees. (Penal Code 11165.7)

**LGUSD Administrative Regulation 5141.4** provides additional detail including definitions of child abuse and procedures for reporting suspected incidents of child abuse.

A mandated reporter shall make a report using the procedures described below (with reference to the full text of AR 5141.4) whenever, in his/ her professional capacity or within the scope of his/her employment, he/she has knowledge of or observes a child whom the mandated reporter knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect. The reporting duties of mandated reporters are individual and cannot be delegated to another person.

When reporting a witnessed or suspected case of child abuse, the following steps shall be taken by the appropriate personnel.

**Step 1** - To report known or suspected child abuse, any employee shall report by telephone to the local child protective agency.

Child Protective Services  
373 West Julian St.,  
San Jose, CA 95110  
(408) 299-2071

**Step 2** - Within thirty-six (36) hours of making the telephone report, the mandated reporter will complete and mail to the local child protective agency a written report, which includes a completed Department of Justice form. (DOJ 558572) Mandated reporters may obtain copies of the Department of Justice form from either the school office.

Detailed instructions are included on the back of the form. Reporters may ask the site administrator for help completing and mailing the form; however, the mandated reporter is still responsible for ensuring that the written report is correctly filed.

One copy will be given to the principal for a child abuse confidential file (optional). The mandated reporter may keep a copy of the completed form.

**Step 3** - Employees reporting child abuse to a child protective agency are encouraged, but not required, to notify the site administrator or designee as soon as possible after the initial verbal telephone report.

### **(B) Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Plan**

*Additional code references: Education Code 35295-35297; Government Code 8607 and 3100*

In **LGUSD Board Policy 3516**, the Board of Trustees recognizes that in order to save lives and protect property, all district staff and students must be prepared to respond quickly and responsibly to emergencies, disasters, and events, which threaten to result in disaster. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a disaster preparedness plan that details provisions for handling all foreseeable emergencies and disasters. The Superintendent or designee may appoint a committee to regularly review the disaster preparedness plan and recommend changes. The principal or designee shall augment the district plan with working plans and procedures specific to each school. He/she shall present a copy of these site plans and procedures to the Superintendent.

District and site plans shall address at least the following situations:

1. Fire on or off school grounds which endangers students
2. Natural or man-made disasters
3. Bomb threat or actual detonations
4. Attack or disturbance by individuals or group

The Superintendent or designee should ensure that the plan includes:

1. Procedures for personal safety and security
2. Ways to ensure smooth administrative control of operations during a crisis
3. Procedures to establish a clear, effective communication system
4. Guidelines for law enforcement involvement, including specific steps for law enforcement intervention depending upon the intensity of the crisis

The Superintendent or designee shall use state approved Standard Emergency Management System guidelines when updating the Site Disaster Preparedness Plans. The Superintendent or designee may consult with town and/or county agencies so that district and site plans may provide the best possible way of handling each situation and also provide for emergency communications systems between these agencies and each district school. Disaster preparedness exercises shall be held regularly at each school site and shall demonstrate how safety procedures may be applied to various types of emergencies. All students and employees shall receive instruction regarding emergency plans.



In accordance with Ed. Code 32282(a)(B)(ii) The Los Gatos Union School District has entered into a Facility Use Agreement with the American Red Cross to make designated facilities available for use during disasters or other emergencies affecting public health and welfare.

### **(C) School Suspension, Expulsion and Mandatory Expulsion Guidelines**

*Additional code reference: Education Code 48900, 48915 (d) and (e)*

As stated in **LGUSD Board Policy 5144.1** The Board of Trustees recognizes that maintaining an environment which promotes learning and protects the health, safety, and welfare of all students may require the suspension or expulsion of a student from regular classroom instruction. District policies and school site rules shall clearly identify district behaviors standards.

Except in cases where suspension for a first offense is warranted in accordance with law, suspension shall be imposed only when other means of correction fail to bring about proper conduct.

Expulsion is an action taken by the Board for severe or prolonged breaches of discipline by a student. Except for single acts of a grave nature, expulsion is usually used only when there is a history of misconduct, when other forms of discipline, including suspension, have failed to bring about proper conduct, or when the student's presence causes a continuing danger to other students.

The grounds for suspension and expulsion and the procedures for reconsidering, recommending and/or implementing suspension and expulsion shall be specified for individuals with exceptional needs.

For all occasions of suspension or expulsion, due process will be followed. The Board wishes to provide all the protection implied in "due process," and all staff members are expected to accord due process rights to all pupils.

Each principal shall annually inform all students and parent/guardians of the school discipline rules and procedures and of the availability of all district policies and regulations dealing with student discipline, suspension, and expulsion. (Education Code 35291, 35291.5)

#### **Student Due Process**

The Board shall provide for the fair treatment of students facing suspension and expulsion by affording them their due process rights under the law. The administration and staff shall comply with procedures for notices and appeals as specified in regulation. Procedures governing student due process shall conform in all aspects to provisions in law. (Education Code 48911, 48915, and 48915.5)

Whenever a student is suspended, school officials may (but are not required to) meet with the parent/guardian to discuss the causes and duration of the suspension, the school policy involved, and any other pertinent matters. (Education Code 48914)

#### **On-Campus Suspension Program**

The Superintendent or designee may establish a supervised in-house suspension program which meets the requirements of law for suspended students who pose no imminent danger or threat at school and for whom an expulsion action has not been initiated.

#### **Required Parental Attendance**

The Board believes that parental involvement plays an important role in the resolution of classroom behavior problems. The board expects that teachers will communicate with parents/guardians when behavior problems arise.

Whenever a student is suspended from a class because he/she committed an obscene act, engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity, disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied valid staff authority, the student's parent/guardian may be required to attend a portion of a school day in the class from which the

student was suspended. After completing the classroom visit and before leaving school premises, the parent/guardian shall meet with the principal or designee. (Education Code 48900.1)

Reasonable efforts to have the parents/guardians visit the class voluntarily shall be made before requiring parental attendance. Teachers should reserve the option of required parental attendance for cases in which they have determined that it is the best strategy to promote positive interaction between the student and the parent/guardian and to improve classroom behavior.

Parental attendance may be required on the day the student returns to class or within one week thereafter. The principal or designee shall contact any parent/guardians who do not respond to the request to attend school. The Board recognizes that parental compliance with this policy may be delayed, modified, or prevented for reasons such as serious illness/injury/disability, absence from town, or inability to get certain release time from work.

The teacher shall apply this policy uniformly to all students with the classroom. This policy shall apply only to a parent/guardian who lives with the student. (Education Code 48900.1)

District regulations and school site rules for student discipline shall include procedures for implementing parental attendance requirements. Parents/guardians shall be notified of this policy before it is implemented and at the beginning of each subsequent school year.

*For campus-specific guidelines for suspension and expulsion of students, including behavior that may result in suspension or expulsion on the first offense, please refer to the school office and annual notices for information. Current versions will be available for review alongside this comprehensive school safety plan in the District Office.*

#### **(D) Procedures to Notify Teachers of Dangerous Pupils**

*Additional code reference: Education Code 49079*

As described in **LGUSD Board Policy 4158**: The Governing Board desires to provide a safe and orderly work environment for all employees. As part of the district's comprehensive safety plan, the Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for protecting employees from potentially dangerous persons and situations and for providing necessary assistance and support when emergency situations occur.

Any employee against whom violence or any threat of violence has been directed in the workplace shall notify the Superintendent or designee immediately. As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall initiate legal and security measures to protect the employee and others in the workplace.

The Superintendent or designee also shall inform teachers, in accordance with law, of crimes and offenses committed by students who may pose a danger in the classroom. (Education Code 48201, 49079; Welfare and Institutions Code 827)

The Superintendent or designee may pursue legal action on behalf of an employee against a student or his/her parent/guardian to recover damages to the employee or his/her property caused by the student's willful misconduct that occurred on district property, at a school or district activity, or in retaliation for lawful acts of the employee in the performance of his/her duties. (Education Code 48904, 48905)

#### **(E) Discrimination and Harassment Policies**

*Additional code reference: Education Code 200-262.4*

A comprehensive prohibition of discrimination and harassment across all district programs and activities is identified in **LGUSD Board Policy 0410**, which states that the Governing Board is committed to providing equal opportunity for all individuals in district programs and activities. District programs, activities, and practices shall be free from unlawful discrimination, including discrimination against an individual or group based on race, color,

ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information; a perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

Among the policies included in this comprehensive set of anti-discrimination and harassment policies are two that clearly define the expectations and procedures regarding occurrences of discrimination and sexual harassment:

**LGUSD Board Policy 5145.3** states that The Governing Board desires to provide a safe school environment that allows all students equal access and opportunities in the district's academic, extracurricular, and other educational support programs, services, and activities. The Board prohibits, at any district school or school activity, unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying, targeted at any student by anyone, based on the student's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

The Board of Trustees shall ensure equal opportunities for all students in admission and access to the educational program, guidance and counseling programs, athletic programs, testing procedures, and other activities. School staff and volunteers shall carefully guard against segregation, bias and stereotyping in instruction, guidance and supervision.

The Board prohibits intimidation or harassment of any student by any employee, student or other person in the district. Staff shall be alert and immediately responsive to student conduct which may interfere with another student's ability to participate in or benefit from school services, activities or privileges. Students who harass other students shall be subject to appropriate discipline, up to and including counseling, suspension and/or expulsion. An employee who permits or engages in harassment may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

The Board hereby designates the following position(s) as Coordinator(s) for Nondiscrimination:

Assistant Superintendent of Education Services and Human Resources  
Los Gatos Union School District  
17010 Roberts Road, CA 95032  
(408) 335-2000

Any student who feels that he/she is being harassed should immediately contact either the nondiscrimination coordinator or the principal or designee. If a situation involving harassment is not promptly remedied by the nondiscrimination coordinator, principal or designee, a complaint may be filed with the superintendent or designee who shall determine which complaint procedure is appropriate.

As written in **LGUSD Board Policy 4219.11/5145.7**, it is the district's policy to provide a working and learning environment free from all unlawful discrimination. Sexual harassment is a form of illegal sex discrimination. The district prohibits sexual harassment.

Any district student or employee who harasses another student or employee through sex-based conduct or communication violates this policy.

The district will promptly investigate all sexual harassment complaints and will take remedial action reasonably calculated to end the harassment. If a student engages in sexual harassment, remedial action may include discipline, up to and including expulsion. If an employee engages in sexual harassment, remedial action may include discipline, up to and including termination.

The Governing Board directs the Superintendent to establish administrative guidelines to implement the district's policy to provide a sexual harassment-free working and learning environment.

*For campus-specific bullying and cyber bullying policies, please refer to the District website. Current versions will be available for at the LGUSD District Office.*

#### **(F) School-wide Dress Code**

*Additional code reference: Education Code 35183*

As described in **LGUSD Board Policy 5132**, The Board of Trustees believes that the development of attitudes and behavior patterns in dress and grooming should be a part of each student's total educational experience. Furthermore, the Board of Trustees expects that students will present themselves in an orderly manner conducive to the advancement of education. Their appearance should be neat and acceptable to the general society and in keeping with the activity of the particular school.

The Board of Trustees recognizes that specific school sites may request approval to implement a voluntary school-wide uniform dress policy. School sites may request approval from the Superintendent if such actions are warranted by demonstrated staff and parental involvement and support.

The Board of Trustees considers dress and grooming to be judgment area of the principal of the school. However, when a school site is requesting a school-wide uniform plan, the principal will follow Administrative Guidelines 5132.

#### **(G) Procedure for Safe Ingress and Egress to and from School**

Through a collection of Board Policies, The Los Gatos Union School District has established procedures to ensure the Safe Ingress and Egress of students, parents, and school employees to and from school. The list below shows applicable board policies and administrative regulations and how they contribute to this safety component:

- BP 5131: holds students accountable for conduct not only on campus but also going to or coming from school, at school activities, or using district transportation.
- BP 5131.7: prohibits the possession of weapons, imitation firearms or dangerous instruments of any kind with specific reference to times where students are on their way to or from school.

In addition to the safety measures defined above, student safety will also be ensured through the control of the ingress and egress of campus visitors as defined in **LGUSD Board Policy 1250**:

To ensure the safety of students and staff and minimize interruption of the instructional program, the Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures which facilitate visits during regular school days. Visits during school hours should be arranged with the principal or designee. When a visit involves a conference with a teacher or the principal, an appointment should be scheduled during non instructional time.

For purposes of school safety and security, the principal or designee will develop and ensure use of a visible means of identification for visitors while on school premises.

*Additional code references: Education Code 32210-32211, Penal Code 627*

#### **(H) A Safe and Orderly School Environment Conducive to Learning**

As intended by Education Code 32282(b) the action plans shown in the tables on the following pages were developed using strategies presented in the handbook developed and distributed by the School/Law Enforcement Partnership Program entitled "Safe Schools: A Planning Guide for Action".

Each goal is supported by objectives, which will be accomplished through the defined action steps, using designated resources available, and coordinated or reported on by the designated lead person. Outcome

measures are also listed and may be used to assess the progress in achieving the objectives.

**Goal 1:** Plan and prepare for a safe return to campus for staff and students following the county and state guidance regarding Covid-19.

**Action Step(s):**

- A. LGUSD Teacher In-Person Checklists
- B. LGUSD Safety Checklist
- C. Covid-19 Prepared School Plan (w/ apple on school windows)
- D. Social Distancing Protocol & Covid-19 Site Specific Protection Plan (w/ check mark on school windows)
- E. Health Training Videos for Staff
- F. Back to Campus in 2021 Education Videos for Students
- G. Curative Covid Testing for Staff and Students
- H. Review ICS and conduct regular fire and earthquake drills

**Resources:**

State and County Guidelines which can be found [here](#) in addition to LGUSD District and School Site Funds.

**Project Leads:**

District Office Administration, Site Administrators, Site Administrative Assistants, and Custodial Staff

**Outcomes:**

A safe and successful return to campus for staff and students.

**Goal 2:** To provide every family choice while maintaining classroom communities when reopening schools.

**Action Step(s):**

- A. Reopening workgroups meeting weekly
- B. Conduct research regarding successful models in supporting a safe return to school
- C. Parent and staff input surveys
- D. Teacher volunteers to pilot a “Roomer & Zoomer” model
- E. Professional Development
- F. Office hours available for staff to meet with District Nurse, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, and 1:1 meetings with Technology Department in addition to office hours
- G. Upgrade of District technology infrastructure and purchase of TV, monitor, iPad, Juno Audio and web camera to enhance the Teacher Technology Toolkit
- H. Survey parents and create stable cohorts for the Roomers
- I. Create “On-Ramp” dates where parents have an opportunity to have their child join in-person instruction
- J. Additional Classified and Certificated support staff hired to support implementation of the model
- K. A renewed Technology Plan for 1:1 Chromebook usage in grades 3-5
- L. Implementation of the Roomer & Zoomer Model

**Resources:**

Pilot teacher survey feedback and LGUSD funding to support preparation, professional development, personnel, and more.

**Project Leads:**

District Office Administration, Site Administrators, Reopening Workgroup, Teacher Leaders, and other site staff.

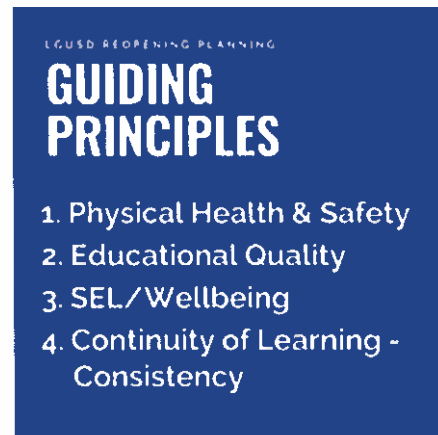
**Outcomes:**

To provide a quality education for all Roomers & Zoomers while attending to our LGUSD Reopening Guiding Principles:

**Guiding Principles**

1. Physical Health & Safety
2. Educational Quality
3. SEL/Wellbeing
4. Continuity of Learning - Consistency

**Goal 3:** To support the development of the attribute “Empathy” which is aligned to our LGUSD Student Success Profile.

**Action Step(s):**

- A. LGUSD Counselors provide weekly SEL lessons for all students
- B. Implement ABC Readers Program with schoolwide themes, lessons, and vocabulary
- C. Host Schoolwide Kindness Challenges
- D. Present read-aloud books with themes of friendship, kindness & empathy
- E. Purchase and promote school banner messages that provide visual reminders to:
  - Be an Upstander
  - Be a Bucket-filler
  - Be Curious
  - Bee Kind
- F. Encourage an ongoing focus to “Be Kinder than Necessary” including BH Yard Signs
- G. Provide K-5 Curriculum and Activities that focus on shared experiences, opinions and perspectives
- H. Align library read aloud activities to support an emphasis on empathy
- I. Highlight Empathy in weekly Wednesday Announcements
- J. Art and Music teachers will guide empathy development through artistic exploration of artists and musicians experiences and expressions from other cultures ~ embracing differences and finding connections.
- K. All BH staff will participate in Foundations of Gender Inclusive Schools professional development opportunities

**Resources:**

LGUSD Counselors, Character Strong curriculum  
BH Staff, BH H & SC

**Project Leads:**

LGUSD Counselors, District & BH Staff

**Outcomes:**

Develop the ability to empathize in students and staff

**Goal 4:** To educate and promote health and safety for students and staff.

**Action Step(s):**

- A. Victor Pacini Year 3 Presentation TK-8
- B. Mandated Trainings: Seth’s Law Training, Mandated Reporting, Blood Borne Pathogens
- C. Preparation for disaster situations involving activation of ICS and student release procedures



- D. Prior to reopening, assign and explain expectations around staff disaster roles
- E. Run drills as appropriate

**Resources:**

Keenan & Associates Mandated Trainings, ICS 4 Schools, Joe Viramontez

**Project Leads:**

Site Administrators, Director of Facilities and Operations, Joe Viramontez.

**Outcomes:**

Successful training updates and appropriate start of school drills.

## **(I) School Discipline Rules and Consequences**

*Additional code references: Education Code 35291 and 35291.5*

**LGUSD Board Policy 5144** identifies district-wide standards for student discipline and conduct:

The Board believes that a peaceful, orderly school environment is essential to quality education. In order to ensure an optimum learning climate, school site expectations for pupil discipline are to be enforced fairly, uniformly, and consistently.

All reasonable means shall be taken to protect against invoking disciplinary action against pupils on the basis of unfounded charges. School District personnel shall not inflict, or cause to be inflicted, corporal punishment or physical pain upon a pupil attending any school in the District. The privacy rights and other due process rights of pupils shall be adhered to as described by Federal and State law.

All school site rules, expectations, and consequence shall be strictly based on District policy, regulation, and existing law.

Procedures for the development of such expectations shall be established by the Superintendent. Special care shall be taken to solicit the views of the school community. The adoption of each school's discipline expectations are the responsibility of the school principal and the school site council.

The administrative staff at each school may develop disciplinary rules to meet the school's particular needs consistent with law, Board policy, and district regulations. The Board, at an open meeting, shall review the approved school discipline rules for consistency with Board policy and state law.

Students may possess or use electronic devices, including but not limited to cellular telephones, provided that such devices do not disrupt the educational program or school activity. Electronic devices shall be turned off during class time and at any other time directed by a district employee. If disruption occurs, the employee may direct the student to turn off the device and/or confiscate the device until the end of the class period, school day, or activity.

No student shall be prohibited from possessing or using an electronic devices that is determined by a licensed physician or surgeon to be essential for the student's health and the use of which is limited to health-related purposes. (Ed Code 48901.5)

*For campus-specific rules and comprehensive description of conduct and student behavior expectations please refer to school website or office.*

**Additional Board Policies** are listed below, which describe overarching discipline standards for specific areas of concern. Violation of these items will result in student referral to campus administration at the minimum and may lead to suspension or expulsion. These include:

- The Los Gatos Union School District Board desires students and staff to be free from the fear and danger presented by firearms and other weapons. The Board therefore prohibits any person other than authorized law enforcement or security personnel from possessing weapons, imitations firearms, or dangerous instruments of any kind in school buildings, on school grounds or buses, at school related or school-sponsored activities away from school, or while going to or coming from school. **LGUSD Board Policy 5131.7**
- The Board of Trustees desires to keep district schools and students free from the threats or harmful influence of any groups or gangs which advocate drug use, violence, disruptive behavior or defacement of property with graffiti. The Board therefore prohibits all gang related activity on all school campuses and during all school sponsored events. Additionally, the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, notebook, symbols, or manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, or any other attribute denotes membership in such a group or gang, is prohibited. In addition, the Board realizes that many students become involved in gangs without understanding the consequences of gang membership. Early intervention is a key component of efforts to break the cycle of gang membership. Therefore, cooperation with Law Enforcement including Police and Probation Officers and participating agencies is essential. A strong Student Study Team for support and prevention is recommended. **LGUSD Board Policy 5132**

#### **(I) Procedures for Conducting Tactical Responses to Criminal Incidents**

As written in **LGUSD Board Policy 0450** 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), shall be developed by district administrators in accordance with Education Code 32281. In developing such strategies, district administrators shall consult with law enforcement officials and with a representative of an employee bargaining unit, if he/she chooses to participate.

When reviewing the tactical response plan, the Board may meet in closed session to confer with law enforcement officials, provided that any vote to approve the tactical response plan is announced in open session following the closed session. (Education Code 32281)

#### **Safety and Disaster Plan Review, Evaluation and Amendment Procedures**

All Los Gatos Union School District Disaster Preparedness Plans will be reviewed and amended (if necessary) by the school site's principal or designee in September of each school year. In addition the goals for the Comprehensive School Safety Plan will be reviewed and revised by school site Safety Planning Committee annually and submitted to the School Board by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Pursuant to Education Code Section 35294.6(a), the Los Gatos Union School District adopted this annual Comprehensive School Safety Plan at the regular meeting of the Board of Education as noted on the cover page. An opportunity for public comment was provided during this meeting, prior to the plan's adoption. Documentation of this meeting, which may include the meeting agenda, minutes and copies of materials provided for the plan presentation, will be filed alongside the plan and recorded in Appendix A: Documented Safety Planning Process.

An updated file containing all appropriate or required safety related plans and materials are available for public inspection in the Los Gatos Union School District Office.



## Safety Plan Appendices

### Protected Information

The preceding Comprehensive School Safety Plan is a public document to be available for review in the school site administrative offices at any time during regular business hours, as mandated by Education Code 32282 (e). However, some appendices within this section may include proprietary information that shall not be released to the general public including personal contact information for staff members, detailed security procedures for campus crisis response and campus vulnerability assessment information.

As protected under the California Public Records Act (Government Code 6254 parts *c* and *aa*) and prescribed by LGUSD Administrative Regulation 1340, the following items will be identified as "**Confidential**", reviewed only in a closed session of the LGUSD Board of Education and withheld from public release of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan:

- Any appendices containing personnel information that the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.  
*(Further detail on protected information is also defined in GC 6254.3.)*
- Any appendices prepared to assess District Office and/or school site vulnerabilities to terrorist or other criminal acts intended to disrupt School District operations.

According to the procedures developed by the Department of Homeland Security and defined in OHS Management Directive 11042.1, the following items will be designated "**For Official Use Only (FOUO)**", reviewed only in a closed session of the LGUSD Board of Education and released only for official safety assurance or crisis response use: Any appendices containing detailed crisis response information that, if disclosed, would undermine plans or procedures designed to protect students from harm by revealing safety strategies such as but not limited to critical communications systems, crisis response facilities (i.e. command post, staging areas, etc), and emergency supplies storage.

## **Safety Plan Appendices (Confidential)**

Appendix A: Documented Safety Planning Process

Appendix B: Legal Notice for Pupils and Parent/Guardians-Bullying and Harassment

Appendix C: Grab and go binder contents

Appendix C.1 : Incident Command Structure

Appendix C.2: Campus Staff Emergency Contacts

Appendix C.3:Campus Search and Rescue zones

Appendix C.5: Campus Emergency Shutoff Locations

Appendix C.6: Campus Emergency Evacuation Plans

Appendix D: Disaster Preparedness Plan

Appendix E: Crisis Response/Community Emergency Contacts

Appendix F: Daily ingress and egress routes

Appendix G: COVID Protection Plan – Training for Employees



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