

**SAN LORENZO  
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD POLICY**

**Operations**

BP 3516

**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS & DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

The San Lorenzo Unified School District Governing Board is dedicated to protecting the safety and welfare of the employees, students, volunteers, and visitors in the San Lorenzo Unified School District schools, facilities and grounds, in addition to preservation of public property under the jurisdiction of the District. In particular, the District acts in the place of the parents (in loco parentis) for the protection and safety of its students while they are under the care and control of the District during the school day.

The District will develop rules and regulations to ensure that the safety and welfare of the members of the school community is preserved in the event of an emergency. These regulations will set forth guidelines to be used by all schools and alternative, adult and special education centers in designing both district and site-level disaster response plans.

An emergency, as used in this policy, will refer to incidents that include natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, landslides, and fires, and human-caused incidents such as hazardous materials accidents, riots, blackouts and acts of terrorism. The District will consult with local, State and federal agencies to coordinate emergency response and recovery efforts.

In designing an emergency response plan, the District will incorporate Alameda County's policies on Emergency Response, the State Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) which encompasses Operational Area Response. The District's plan should establish a District and site Emergency Operations Center utilizing the Incident Command System, and define the role of the District and the schools in after-incident reporting.

The Board shall grant the use of school buildings, grounds, and equipment to public agencies, including the American Red Cross, for mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare. The Board shall cooperate with such agencies in furnishing and maintaining whatever services they deem necessary to meet the community needs.

School employees are considered disaster service workers and are subject to disaster service activities assigned to them.

**Legal References**

EDUCATION CODE

32001	Fire alarms and drills
32040	Duty to equip school with first aid kit
32280-32289	School safety plans
32290	Safety devices

35295-35297 Earthquake Emergency System  
38132 Schools as shelter during disasters or emergencies  
39834 Operating overloaded bus  
46390-46392 Emergency average daily attendance in case of disaster  
49505 Natural disaster; meals for homeless students; reimbursement

GOVERNMENT CODE

3100 Public employees as disaster service workers  
8607 Standardized emergency management system  
8620-8634 States of War and Emergency

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

550 Fire drills  
560 Civil defense and disaster preparedness plans

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 19

2400-2450.1.1.1 Standardized emergency management system

UNITED STATE CODE, TITLE 42

12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act