

COMMITMENT TO SCHOOL EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PLANNING
BY
NAPA COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

Our local government entity (county, city, special district, agency, department, or division) is committed to emergency and disaster preparedness of all schools in Napa County, and to the following principles of effective emergency and disaster planning:

1. Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) must address all four phases of crisis management: Prevention/Mitigation; Preparedness; Response, and Mitigation;
2. Interagency agreements provide the foundation of coordination among education, local government, law enforcement, public safety, public health, and mental health in the strengthening and improving of the EOPs;
3. EOPs must be closely coordinated with our State or local Homeland Security Plan;
4. Our jurisdiction agrees to support implementation and use of the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), and the National Incident Management System (NIMS);
5. EOPs must address multiple hazards, including infectious diseases such as pandemic flu, and violence initiated by any source, internal or external to the school;
6. EOPs must include pre-established roles for faculty, parents, students, and first responders;
7. EOPs must prepare schools to communicate information to parents quickly and efficiently, and must pay careful attention to parent/child reunification;
8. Regular drills and exercises must be conducted for staff and students. EOPs must be reviewed and amended to reflect what works and what doesn't, and to address emerging crises;
9. We do not leave any child (or adult) behind – EOPs must consider the specific needs of all populations – particularly children with disabilities or special needs, and parents and students whose first language is other than English; and
10. We strive to establish pre-deployment of emergency equipment and advantageous utilization of appropriate technology to the extent funding permits.
11. Emergency and disaster planning requires a continuous, sustained effort by all stakeholders. EOPs must be living documents.