Board Policy G-2: Emergency Preparedness and Response



REFERENCES

G-2: Administrative Procedures, Emergency Preparedness and Response
Utah Code Ann. §53G-4-402(18), Powers and Responsibilities of Local Boards
Utah Admin. Code R277-400, School Facility Emergency and Safety

THE POLICY

The Salt Lake City School District Board of Education recognizes the value in preparing every member of our district community to safely and effectively respond to emergencies and disasters. To that end, the board requires the district to prepare a standard emergency plan that each school will implement after reviewing and inserting school-specific information. In accordance with state and federal law, these plans regulate the operation of schools during an emergency occurring within the district or a school. Compliance with these plans will aid the district in protecting and caring for students, staff, and patrons, before, during, and immediately after a threatened or actual emergency or disaster. Relevant information from these plans must be shared in a standardized format with parents and school community councils because effective emergency preparedness planning and response requires the coordination, cooperation, and participation of the entire community including district personnel, public safety agencies, students, families, and community members and organizations. The district shall establish close working relationships with various entities that are responsible for directing and coordinating emergency services in order to ensure proper collaboration and support in the event of an emergency. As part of the district's participation in the Schools Aid Families in Emergencies (S.A.F.E.) program, the district's elementary schools will also be open to serve as temporary shelters and reunification centers for displaced neighborhood residents after a catastrophic disaster.

The purpose of this policy is to promote the safety and welfare of students and staff, protect district facilities, and ensure district cooperation with public safety entities.

The district has set forth its specific processes for implementing this board policy through the accompanying <u>administrative</u> <u>procedures</u>.

No district employee or student shall be subjected to discrimination in employment or any district program or activity on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. The district is committed to providing equal access and equal opportunity in its programs, services and employment including its policies, complaint processes, program accessibility, district facilities or all youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United State Code, including scouting groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and complaints regarding unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation: Tina Hatch, Compliance and Investigations/Title IX Coordinator, 440 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 578-8388. You may also contact the Office for Civil Rights, Denver, CO, (303) 844-5695.