



COLLEGE PREP

HIGH SCHOOL

Safe School Plan

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INTRODUCTION

AIMS K-12 College Prep Charter District is committed to maintaining safe and secure campuses for all of its pupils and staff. To that end, this School Safe Plan covers AIMS policies and expectations regarding the practices of each school in maintaining the security of the physical campus, responding appropriately to emergencies, increasing the safety and protection of students and staff, and creating a safe and orderly environment that is conducive to learning.

AIMS College Prep High School is located near Lake Merritt. The campus serves over 400 inner city kids and about 40 faculty and staff members. The school is near the Grand Lake Theater neighbor and is next to the 580 freeway. We co-share our campus with offices from the Oakland Unified School District. Due to the school's location there are various type of threats and the goals set forth are the diminish those threats and to continue to provide safety for our students. Some students walk to school or take public transportation. A majority of families pick up and drop off their students. So it is important that we review and train parents on the the drop off and pick up procedures on a yearly basis.

Goal #1: Review with families Pick-Up and Drop Off Procedure

Goal #2: Installing Security Cameras

Goal #3: Continue to provide Annual Trainings for Staff (Active Shooter, Lockdown, Earthquake, CPR First Aid)

Goal #4: Working with District Personnal to ensure our campus is kept safe and secure

Following any emergency, notify the Site Administrator: 510-220-5044

SAFE SCHOOL PLAN COMMITTEE

The undersigned members of the AIMS Committee certify that the requirements of California Education Code 32280-32282 have been met in the development of the following Safe School Plan. The purpose of listing the safety committee is to show that the school has thought through all the various aspects of emergency preparedness involving various stakeholders at the site.)

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CHILD ABUSE REPORTING POLICY

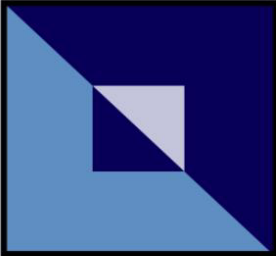
Child abuse includes: physical abuse, sexual abuse (including both sexual assault and sexual exploitation), extreme emotional abuse, willful cruelty or unjustified punishment, unlawful corporal punishment or injury that is willfully inflicted, resulting in a traumatic condition, and/or neglect (including both acts and omissions). Child neglect is defined as negligent treatment which threatens a child's health or welfare.

In accordance with Sections 11164-11174.3 of the California Penal Code, all certificated employees, employees of child care centers, instructional aides, teacher's aides, teacher's assistants, and classified employees who have been trained in the duties imposed by this law and are considered to be mandated reporters. Any one of these specified employees who knows or reasonably suspects that a child has been a victim of a child abuse and/or neglect incident must do the following:

- 1) Report the incident to a child protective agency (i.e., Department of Children and Family Services), the Police (not School Police), or Sheriff's Department, County Probation Department, or a County Welfare Department immediately by telephone.
- 2) Send a written report of the incident to the same agency within 36 hours. Although the Penal Code obligation to report applies to the aforementioned employees only, it is the policy of AIMS that all employees shall comply with the law's reporting procedure whenever they have knowledge of or observe a child in the course of their employment whom they know or reasonably suspect to have been the victim of child abuse.

Additionally, teachers and counselors are legally bound required to immediately inform a parent and/or authority and report the following instances to the Head of School, who will contact law enforcement and/or the student's parent/guardian in accordance with the law: (1) when a student indicates he or she is going to physically harm himself or herself or jeopardize his or her life; (2) when a student indicates he or she is going to physically harm another person or jeopardize another person's life or has knowledge that another person's well-being is threatened; (3) when a student indicates he or she is being physically and/or emotionally abused; (4) when a student indicates he or she has committed a felony.

Child Abuse Mandated Reporting Form



CALIFORNIA MANDATED REPORTING EASY STEPS... WHAT MUST BE REPORTED and HOW TO REPORT!

What Must be Reported:

Any of the below acts involving anyone under the age of 18:

- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Neglect

The mandated reporter must only have *reasonable suspicion* that a child has been mistreated; no evidence or proof is required prior to making a report.

The case will be further investigated by law enforcement and/or child welfare services.

How to Report:

By Phone: Immediately, or as soon as possible, make a telephone report to child welfare services and/or to a Police or Sheriff's department.

1. Child Welfare Services phone # 510-259-1800
2. Police Department phone # 510-777-3333
3. Sheriff's Department phone # 510-272-6878

In Writing: Within 36 hours, a written report must be sent, faxed or submitted electronically. The written report should be completed on a state form called the 8572, which can be downloaded at http://ag.ca.gov/childabuse/pdf/ss_8572.pdf

Other information:

- Safeguards for Mandated Reporters:
 - The Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA) states that the name of the mandated reporter is strictly confidential, although it is provided to investigative parties working on the case.
 - Under state law, mandated reporters cannot be held liable in civil or criminal court when reporting as required; however, under federal law mandated reporters only have immunity for reports made in good faith.
- Failure to report:
 - Failure to report concerns of child abuse or neglect is considered a misdemeanor and is punishable in California by six months in jail and/or up to a \$1,000 fine.
- For the complete law and a list of mandated reporters refer to California Penal Codes 11164-11174.3.

This document and Mandated Reporting information can be found at www.mandatedreporter.ca.com

EMERGENCY DISASTER PROCEDURES & DRILLS

Every school should have emergency preparedness procedures readily on hand, including a list of up to date emergency contact numbers. This information should be discussed and disseminated ideally at an all school staff meeting just when the teachers return to duty.

A wealth of information is available from various government and private organizations regarding this topic. That information is accessible via the following websites to include but not limited to:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS): <http://www.dhs.gov>

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): <http://www.fema.gov>, <http://www.ready.gov>.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC): <http://www.fcc.gov>.

The United States Department of Education (USDE): <http://www.rems.ed.gov>.

California Office of Emergency Services (OES): <http://www.calema.ca.gov>.

California Department of Education (CDE): <http://www.cde.ca.gov>.

American Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org>

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E): <http://www.pge.com>.

Vector Solutions: <https://aimsk12-ca.safeschools.com/>

What follows is information taken from the aforementioned resources and incorporated into selected topics which are necessary components for the development of a comprehensive safety program that satisfies the mandates of the CDE.

Staff Responsibilities

In the event of an Emergency Alert System (EAS) individuals on the school site have the following responsibilities:

Site Administrator

- Sound appropriate alarm to evacuate or shelter in place.
- Following evacuation procedures check the building to ensure that all students, personnel and visitors have left the building.
- Provide for administration of first aid and request other emergency assistance as needed.
- Keep the Central Office and your local county office informed and, if necessary, set up a telephone communication at a nearby residence or business.
- Give directions to police in search clearing procedures and take full responsibility for search.
- Coordinate supervision of students and all clean-up or security efforts.

Teachers

- Carry out appropriate emergency procedures to ensure the safety and welfare of students.
- Supervise children and maintain calm and order.
- Make sure you have access to the classroom copy of the students' emergency cards.
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Admin Assistant

- Assist and take direction from the Siter Administrator.
- Make sure first aid supplies are handy in case they are needed.
- Carry out other duties as assigned.

Custodial/Maintence

- Shut off the valves for gas, water, electricity and air conditioning (if necessary).
- Open all gates and doors to assembly and exit areas.

Aides, Volunteers and Other Adults

- Should assist teachers working with students to keep them safe, orderly and comfortable.
- Be on call for Administrators' requests.

Drills

Drills are designed to prepare students and staff for real world crisis situations but in no way can account for all possible varieties of catastrophe or threat. It is the site administrator's responsibility to schedule emergency drills throughout the year, and record the date and time of each drill. Those drills are:

- **Fire Drill:** CA Ed Code (section 32001) requires fire drills to be conducted at the following intervals:
 - **Elementary:** once per month
 - **Middle school:** four times per school year
 - **Secondary:** twice per school year
 - Fire drills should be conducted in which all pupils, teachers, and other employees are required to vacate the building(s). Current student rosters and/or roll sheets serve to account for all evacuated students and staff.
- **Lockdown/Shelter in Place:** Although not required by Ed Code, it is recommended that each school conducts a Lockdown/Shelter in Place Drill at least:
 - **Elementary:** once per quarter
 - **Secondary:** once per semester
 - Lockdown/Shelter in Place drills should be run according with a procedure established by the individual school site. The drill is designed to prepare students and staff for situations in which the classroom or school campus affords the best protection from criminal threats.
- **Earthquake/Evacuation Drill:** An Earthquake/Evacuation Drill should be conducted:
 - **Elementary:** once per quarter
 - **Secondary:** Once per semester
 - Not to be confused with a Fire Drill, Evacuation Drills are designed to prepare students and staff for situations in which the school campus is no longer a safe area due to natural/man-made disaster or criminal activity. A pre-designated site serves as the rally point for the all-out relocation of students and staff during a perceived crisis or threat via established routes of travel. Current student rosters and/or roll sheets serve to account for all students and staff relocated.

Situations may/will arise during a crisis that require a combination of actions be taken such as “lockdown” followed by “evacuation”. While constructing a safety plan it is important to keep this in mind. Prepare and drill in a manner in which flexibility and adaptability come into play as the dynamics of a potential crisis evolve.

Drill Schedule

Month	Fire	Earthquake	Lockdown
August	8/30/23	8/30/23	
September	9/28/23		9/28/23
October	10/25/23	10/25/23	
November	11/16/23		11/16/23
December	12/13/23	12/13/23	
January	1/25/24		1/25/24
February	2/28/24	2/28/24	
March	3/28/24		3/28/24
April	4/24/24	4/24/24	
May	5/30/24		5/30/24
June	6/5/24	6/5/24	

Homeland Security Procedures

Homeland Security procedures are established to promote the safety of children and adults during a period of national or local emergency. The DHS (FEMA) and California OES are responsible for coordinating disaster planning among the cities in your area. It is through this coordination that information and warning notifications are communicated.

The Emergency Alert System (EAS) is a national public warning system that requires TV and radio broadcasters, cable television systems, wireless cable systems, satellite digital audio radio service (SDARS) providers, direct broadcast satellite (DBS) service providers and wireline video service providers to offer to the President the communications capability to address the American public during a national emergency. The system also may be used by state and local authorities to deliver important emergency information such as AMBER (missing children) alerts and emergency weather information targeted to a specific area. EAS also includes a system of sirens strategically positioned throughout the school’s area that can serve as a warning of impending

disaster.

Announcements made via the EAS include:

1. This is a Test
2. Severe Thunderstorm Warning
3. Tornado Warning
4. Hurricane Preparations Ordered
5. Evacuation Ordered
6. Shelter-in-Place for a Security Incident
7. Shelter-in-Place for a Hazardous Material Incident
8. All Clear

Alert Signals

The ability to respond quickly and efficiently when a major disaster strikes is important so that we are able to provide protection for students and school staff. In order to be better prepared, the staff, students and parents should be informed of their responsibilities following a major disaster.

At the announcement/sound of an EAS “Alert” signal:

- All students in transit between classrooms, in restrooms, etc., will walk to their assigned classrooms.
- Admin assisting will tune to local news via applicable means.
- Each teacher will stay in the classroom with his/her students.
- Each custodian will report to the office for instructions.

At the announcement of an EAS “Shelter in Place” message:

- Children outside of class will return to their assigned classrooms.
- If necessary, teachers will direct students and themselves under desks or tables.
- Close all doors and windows.

At the announcement/sound of an EAS “All Clear” signal:

- Children will resume their regular class activities.
- When a building is unsafe to resume classroom instruction or if the situation has made the streets and sidewalks hazardous, the superintendent (or designee) will declare the premises unsafe.
- If an evacuation is found necessary, the site administrator will post on a conspicuous place, the new location of the students. A notice or letter to parents designating a site as well as procedures will be sent home with students.

Communication Plans

<p>911 Calls</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When placing a 911 call: give your name, school name, and school address • Give specific location of shooter, intruder, fire, hazardous material or other emergency • Indicate location of incident command post
<p>Mass Notification to Parents</p>	<p><u>During an emergency:</u> Parent square notification, mass text message, mass phone message</p>
	<p><u>After an emergency:</u> Mass phone call, mass text, Parent square notification, memos</p>

Contingency Plans (Communication and Electrical)

Describe a specific plan to provide for the following in the event of loss of services.

PLAN FOR LOSS OF COMMUNICATION:

If no telephone service:

Parent square notification, Social media account, staff radios and intercom

If no Internet service:

Mass phone call, mass text message, Staff will communicate through radios and intercom

PLAN FOR LOSS OF ELECTRICITY:

List loss of services in event of electrical outage:

Heating. Lights, food service refrigerators, Computer system

Emergency Procedures

All classrooms should have the evacuation plan & maps posted near the door(s). In the case of an emergency, every adult should be aware of his/her role and responsibilities. Below are suggested roles and procedures:

1. Site Administrator assesses the situation.
2. Site Administrator notifies all staff of the emergency via applicable communications device(s).
3. Assigned person calls 911.
4. Assigned person notifies Central Office.
5. Site Administrator or assigned person meets with emergency crews.
6. Assigned person(s) ensures all classrooms, hallways and restrooms on first floor are

- empty after escorting students their students to assigned location.
7. Assigned person(s) ensures all classrooms, hallways and restrooms on second floor are empty after escorting students their students to assigned location
 8. Assigned person(s) ensures the common areas are empty.
 9. Assigned person(s) greet, organize and comfort students outside the building.
 10. Each teacher takes role and Lead Teachers pick up the names of any missing students and report these names to the emergency crew chief and the Site Administrator.
 11. Assigned person(s) will direct students who need first aid to an assigned location.
 12. The Site Administrator determines, in consultation with the emergency crews, whether to release students to their homes or to return students to classes and makes announcement via applicable communications device(s).
 13. If students and staff are dismissed for the day, an assigned person(s) will be responsible for securing the building against vandalism and theft.
 14. All classroom teachers will ensure that students are released to guardians' care.
 15. In the case that counseling services are subsequently needed by any students, the Site Administrator and an assigned person will coordinate that effort.
 16. In the case that media coverage is an issue, the Site Administrator and an assigned person will control and organize press releases and media requests. Pre-made media packages/documents are recommended for distribution to concerned sources/media personnel. Such packages will include general information about the school location, number of students, grade levels, layout, etc.

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 the 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.
- Head of School will be accountable for teachers and school district staff. Teachers will be accountable for students.
- Notify the Superintendent's Office.

Fire Evacuation Procedures

AIMS will conduct and log monthly fire drills using the procedures outlined below.

Teachers

Before Drill or Emergency:

Note locations of fire extinguishers throughout the school.

- a) Review these exit procedures with your class and clearly explain your expectations.
- b) Designate two classroom leaders who can be relied on to give instructions in case a teacher is injured during a fire.
- c) Designate one student to lead your class to the assigned assembly point. Teachers will be the last one out of the classrooms, so it is important that your student leader knows exactly where he/she is going -- walk the student leader through the steps before the drill.
- d) If students are not in the classroom when fire alarm sounds, instruct students to immediately exit to the class' designated assembly point, join their class, and check in with the teacher.

DURING DRILL OR EMERGENCY:

- a) Take your class list, fire drill procedures, evacuation maps, walkie, First Aid Kit, and stop sign with you.
- b) Upon hearing the alarm, instruct your students to quickly leave the building in a single file, orderly line. Running causes panic and is not allowed.
- c) Students must be SILENT.
- d) Use of elevators during an emergency is prohibited.
- e) Teachers leave the classroom last. Close the door and turn off your lights. Administrators will view this as a signal that your classroom is evacuated successfully and completely.
- f) When using the stairwells, classes must descend in a single file line. Overtaking other classes or individuals is not permitted.
- g) Teachers need to assemble students in single file lines and exit their classes according to the evacuation map and assembly location map.
- h) Teachers and students should follow the exit route in a calm and orderly fashion to their assigned assembly point
- i) Once at the assembly point, count students and take roll to ensure that every student is present.
- j) Hold up the red sign if you are missing any students. Inform the Head of School or members of the Fire or Police Services if any students are missing. Hold up the green sign to indicate that all of your students are accounted for and safe.
- k) No one is to re-enter the building until told to do so by the Fire Service or the Head of School. Wait for an **“All Clear”** signal to be given by a member of the Fire or Police Services or a Head of School.
- l) Students cannot leave campus unless they are with an emergency services worker and have notified their teachers and the Head of School of their departure.
- m) No student is to leave campus with guardians until the **“All Clear”** signal is given by a member of the Fire or Police Services.

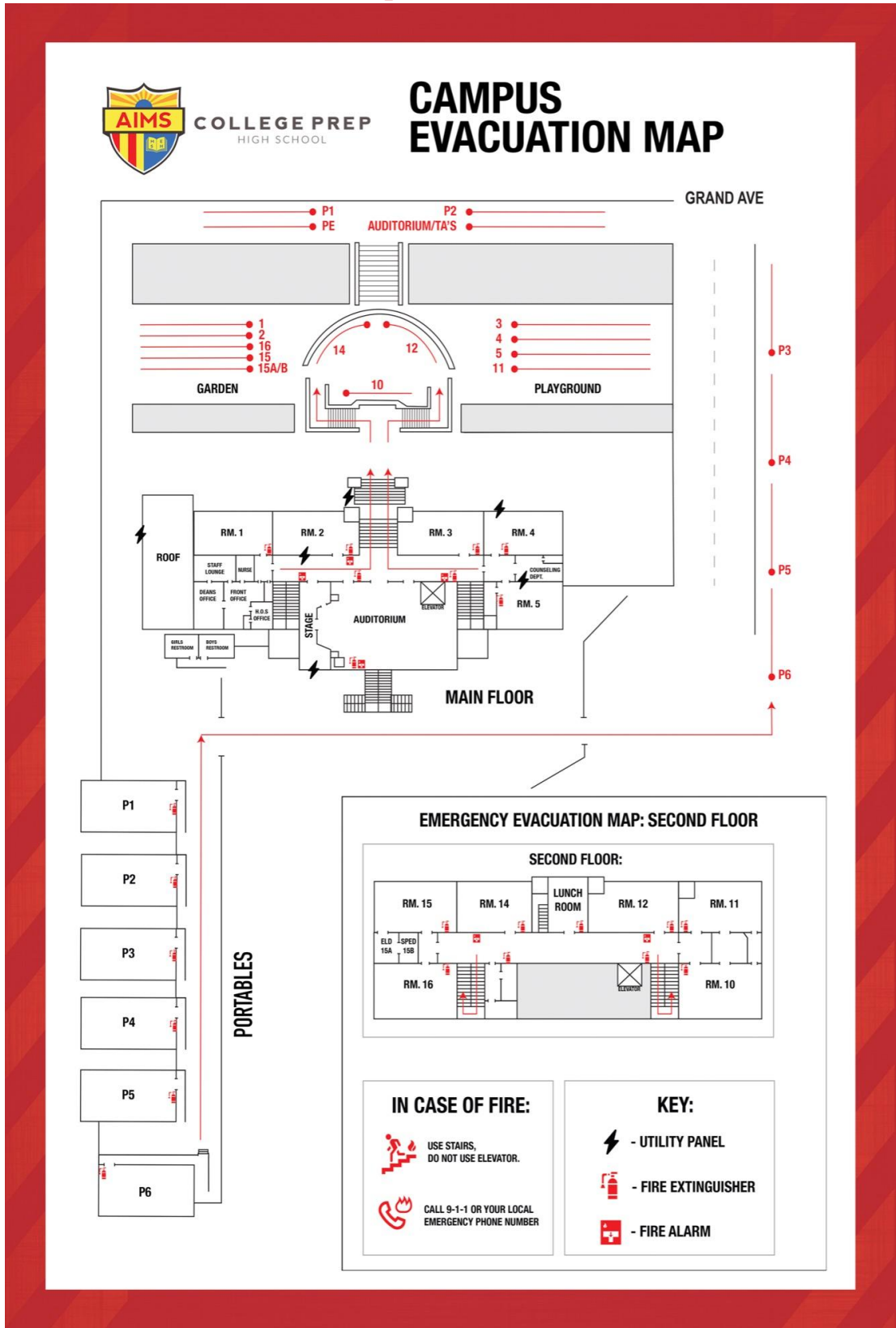
- n) Once the “**All Clear**” signal is given, teachers must keep students assembled and supervised. Make note of students who leave campus with their guardians.

Oakland Fire Department Fire Station #10
172 Santa Clara Avenue
Oakland, CA 94610
Emergency: (510) 444-1616
Non-Emergency: (510) 444-3322

Site Administrator

- Order an evacuation if the fire alarm doesn't work and call 9-1-1
- Confirm school wide clearance for all floors
- Check-in with other administrators and report missing persons to a member of the Fire or Police Department immediately.

Site Evacuation Routes & Maps





First Aid

The First Aid area should be located at an assigned place and properly stocked at all times. The First Aid team will consist of individuals assigned by the site administrator or designee.

Site Lockdown Procedures

AIMS will conduct and log at least two lockdown drills per academic year.

If it is determined that a lockdown is necessary to maintain the health and safety of students and staff, an announcement will be made to alert of potential danger. The lockdown code is “Lockdown” and it will be announced through the walkie talkie/intercome. All-Clear signal will be announced through the walkie talkie to students and staff.

Upon hearing shots or being alerted to an event involving serious violence on campus:

ALERT 911. Nothing should discourage a teacher or staff member from immediately contacting 911 themselves should they find themselves in a life and death situation. Seconds count in time of crisis. Law enforcement must be alerted as soon as possible to mitigate the threat.

After receiving a lockdown notification:

1. **Teachers** are to:
 - a. Quickly glance outside the room and direct students or staff members from the hall into the classroom immediately.
 - b. Close and lock classroom doors. The front door will be locked by an administrator.
 - c. Place students against the wall so that students are not visible to an intruder looking through the door or windows.
 - d. Locate and hold on to the roll book to account for students if an evacuation becomes necessary.
 - e. Turn out the lights.
 - f. Keep students quiet and maintain a calm atmosphere in the classroom, keeping alert to emotional needs of students.
 - g. Have cell phone and/or laptops accessible to receive announcements/updates from administration and police officers.
 - h. Keep all students in the classroom until an “All Clear” has been announced through the communication system (ie. walkie talkies/intercom,).

2. **Students** should know:
 1.
 - a. To remain calm and to immediately follow all directives of classroom teachers or administrators.
 - b. To go to the room nearest their location in the hallway.
 - c. That no one will be able to leave the room for any reason.
 - d. That silence must be maintained (students cannot use cell phones).
 - e. To make sure they are marked present if an evacuation occurs.

- f. To not leave the classroom until directed to do so by the classroom teacher, administrator, or police officer.

Staff should also note the following:

- Administrators will use walkie talkies and cell phones to communicate to teachers and staff. Other clerical staff will deliver messages as needed and work with Head of School and Police Services.
- Upon notification of a lockdown, physical education teachers will keep students off-site and remain at their off-site PE location until they receive an All-Clear via cell phone text, walkie talkie or direct call.
- If teachers or students are in the bathrooms, they should move to a stall, lock it, and stand on the toilet until hearing an All-Clear signal
- Anyone in the hallway should move to the closest classroom immediately.
- Stay in safe areas until directed by law enforcement officers or an administrator to move or evacuate. Never open doors during a lockdown.
- If an evacuation occurs, all persons/classrooms will be directed by a law enforcement officer or administrator to a safe location. Once evacuated from the building, teachers should take roll for all students present in class. Missing students or staff should be reported to administration or law enforcement officer immediately.
- When the emergency is over, a coded "all clear" will be announced.
- Each staff member will document exactly what occurred in their area of responsibility. This will be done as soon as possible.

The Lockdown/Active Shooter

According to the United States Department of Homeland Security, there are three responses to an Active Shooter scenario – Run, Hide or Fight. It is incumbent upon the Site Administrator to adopt a well thought out plan of action, to stick with it (consistency), develop it (seek training and customize the plan to serve a particular school site) and practice it regularly. Which option the school leader chooses is based on where you are when you hear the shots or when you are made aware that there is a perpetrator on site prepared to discharge a firearm. AIMS directs that if a shooting takes place the first priority is to shelter students and staff from danger.

Upon hearing shots or being alerted to an event involving serious violence on campus:

1. ALERT 911. Nothing should discourage a teacher or staff member from immediately contacting 911 themselves should they find themselves in a life and death situation. Seconds

count in time of crisis. Law enforcement must be alerted as soon as possible to mitigate the threat.

2. Institute “lockdown” or “evacuation” protocol.

- *If the threat on the inside is greater than the threat on the outside – evacuate (run)*
- *If the threat on the outside is greater than the threat on the inside – lockdown (hide)*
- *If the lockdown is defeated, at that time a decision will need to be made whether to engage the perpetrator (fight)*
Once a decision has been made to lockdown, do not break lockdown protocol until the entire lockdown has been released.

3. Teachers direct students as to the plan of action for their specific classes (i.e. run, hide, fight, etc.).

Note: Students should be provided age appropriate training in advance of what to do in an active shooter (intruder on campus) scenario.

4. Staff must immediately and continually communicate with other staff and students via all applicable devices the source/location/status of the threat. This will allow for more appropriate courses of actions, i.e. shelter instead of evacuate, vice versa, etc. Continually provide updates as practical until the threat no longer exists.

Note: Communication should only take place if it is safe to do so. In some instances a lockdown will require radio silence and for cell phones to be muted or off.

5. At the conclusion of such an event, an assigned person(s) will control, organize media and distribute media packages.

Note: Have pre-scripted press releases on file. Ensure the person communicating with the media has been trained.

6. Shortly after the conclusion of an event, an assigned person(s) will ensure that counseling services are available as soon as possible.

Site Emergency Procedures for Special Needs Students

1. Procedures for special needs students may need to be implemented in emergency situations such as fire, earthquake, bomb threats, etc.
2. At the beginning of each school year, an Individual Emergency Procedures Plan must be completed to accommodate each student who requires additional assistance due to a disability. This includes students with physical impairments who may require:
 - a. wheelchair on a daily basis
 - b. specialized equipment
 - c. physical assistance to evacuate in a timely manner
3. Each plan requires that support staff be designated as specialized assistants during times of emergency.
4. The Assigned Specialist is responsible for:
 - a. identifying all students who will require additional assistance

- b. working with the designated certificated staff (classroom teachers) and the site administrator to ensure that coverage and a plan is completed for each student

* **Since new students may arrive at any time during the school year, this assignment will be continuous throughout the year.**

- 5. Use the format below to complete an Individual Emergency Procedures Plan for each special needs student. Place a copy of the plans in the Site Emergency Operations Plan and with the individual classroom teacher’s emergency materials. (class roster, etc.)

Individual Student Emergency Procedures Plan		
Student:	Room #:	Teacher:
Designated Specialized Assistants: <i>(identify two staff in this area)</i>		
Required Equipment or Physical Assistance Needed to Evacuate in a Timely Manner <i>(complete below)</i>		

DISASTER PLANS

Whenever there is any type of disaster, the primary concern is the safety of the students. The following general guidelines will offer assistance in a variety of disaster situations. Each teacher should also display Disaster Plan guidelines prominently in each classroom. Nothing in these guidelines should discourage a teacher or staff member from immediately contacting 911 themselves should a life and death emergency exist. Seconds count in time of crisis. Emergency personnel must be alerted as soon as possible to mitigate disaster.

Fire

1. Siter Administrator, custodians and/or office manager will determine the location of the fire.
2. Office manager will phone 911, picks up emergency card binder and student medication and leaves the building prepared to phone parents of any injured child.
3. Custodian or Siter Administrator will sound the fire alarms.
4. Staff will follow evacuation procedures previously described.
5. Students should leave the room in a single file, walk briskly but carefully, and stay in their class group when they reach their designated spot.

Earthquake

If indoors:

1. Utilize solid desks and tables for cover from falling objects and debris.
2. Turn away from windows.
3. Utilize solid interior walls and archways.
4. Cover head with arms or hold to the cover and be prepared to move with it.
5. Hold the position until the ground stops shaking.
6. When initial shaking stops, Siter Administrator or office manager sounds alarms to evacuate the building.
7. Staff to follow evacuation procedures previously described.

If outdoors:

1. Move away from buildings, poles and overhead wires.
2. Lie down or crouch low to the ground.
3. Look out for dangers that demand movement.
4. Be prepared to seek cover again soon after initial quake due to after shocks.
5. Staff to follow evacuation procedures previously described.

Flood/ Severe Weather

Warnings of severe weather are usually received via the EAS. If time and conditions permit, students may be sent home. However, if the weather conditions develop during school hours, without sufficient warning, students should be held at school.

The Siter Administrator will assess the situation and make an announcement via applicable communication device(s) to A) evacuate, B) stay in classes or C) release students to go home. See emergency procedures previously described for evacuation directions.

(UTILITY SERVICE FAILURE – custodial staff should familiarize themselves with the appropriate service provider numbers and websites. Be able to identify pole numbers and which service provider is using them, i.e. electric company versus cable company, etc.)

Electrical Failure

1. Siter Administrator and/or custodian notify the appropriate electrical company (PG&E)
2. Office staff and classroom teachers turn off computers and other equipment that might be damaged by a power surge when the service is restored.

Gas Line Break

1. Siter Administrator and/or custodian notify PG&E.
2. Siter Administrator and/or custodian notify the Fire Department.
3. Staff to follow the evacuation procedures previously described.

Water Main Break

1. Siter Administrator and/or custodian immediately notifies the local water control authority.
2. Custodian shuts off water.
3. Siter Administrator determines if it is necessary to follow the emergency procedures to evacuate students and staff.

Water Contamination

1. Instruct teachers to move students away from drinking fountains and sinks.
2. Notify school office and APS headquarters.
3. Have custodian turn off pressure to drinking fountains and sinks.

Chemical Spill/ Incident

If Indoors:

1. Block or rope off area – DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING.
2. Evacuate room and TURN OFF air conditioning system.
3. Notify school office and Head Custodian of the incident - contact 911 if necessary.
4. Head Custodian should check for chemical safety data to determine clean up procedure.

If Outdoors:

1. Upon hearing of a chemical leak (usually from the fire department or other city office) the Siter Administrator will determine if students should be evacuated.
2. Move away from buildings, poles and overhead wires.
3. Close doors and windows and TURN OFF air conditioning system.
4. If it is necessary to leave the site, move crosswind, never more directly with or against the wind which may carry fumes.
5. Give first aid.
6. Staff to follow the emergency procedures previously described.

Lockdown/Active Shooter

Several strategies/philosophies exist in relation to how to properly respond to school site violence , Run- Hide-Fight, etc.). In the wake of many notable campus shootings, both public and private entities have devised different courses of action to take in the event of the “worst case scenario” (refer to list of sources located at the beginning of the Emergency Preparedness section). It is incumbent upon the Siter Administrator to adopt a well thought out plan of action, to stick with it (consistency), develop it (seek training and customize the plan to serve a particular school site) and practice it regularly. Which option the school leader chooses is based on where you are when you hear the shots or when you are made aware that there is a perpetrator on site prepared to discharge a firearm. AIMS K-12 directs that if a shooting takes place the first priority is to shelter students and staff from danger.

Upon hearing shots or being alerted to an event involving serious violence on campus:

1. ALERT 911. Nothing should discourage a teacher or staff member from immediately contacting 911 themselves should they find themselves in a life and death situation. Seconds count in time of crisis. Law enforcement must be alerted as soon as possible to mitigate the threat.
2. Institute “lockdown” or “evacuation” protocol.
 - a. If the threat on the inside is greater than the threat on the outside – evacuate (run)
 - b. If the threat on the outside is greater than the threat on the inside – lockdown

(hide)

- c. If the lockdown is defeated, at that time a decision will need to be made whether to engage the perpetrator (fight)

Once a decision has been made to lockdown, do not break lockdown protocol until the entire lockdown has been released.

3. Teachers direct students as to the plan of action for their specific classes (i.e. run, hide, fight, etc.).
4. Staff must immediately and continually communicate with other staff and students via all applicable devices the source/location/status of the threat. This will allow for more appropriate courses of actions, i.e. shelter instead of evacuate, vice versa, etc. Continually provide updates as practical until the threat no longer exists.
Note: Communication should only take place if it is safe to do so. In some instances a lockdown will require radio silence and for cell phones to be muted or off.
5. At the conclusion of such an event, an assigned person(s) will control, organize media and distribute media packages.
Note: Have pre-scripted press releases on file. Ensure the person communicating with the media has been trained.
6. Shortly after the conclusion of an event, an assigned person(s) will ensure that counseling services are available as soon as possible.

Bomb Threat

There are two primary ways a bomb threat may arise. One is through a phone call or written letter in which a bomb is discussed. The other is through the sighting of a suspicious object. Threats should be handled quickly and efficiently as if they were real and life threatening.

If there is a phone call or written threat of a bomb on campus, the person who took the call or read the note will:

1. Notify Siter Administrator immediately.
2. Immediately notify law enforcement via 911. Never use alternate numbers to contact law enforcement as a bomb threat is considered a “crime in progress”. Danger may be imminent. Emergency responders need as much for warning as possible.
3. Try to obtain information from the caller such as where the bomb is, where it is set to explode, what it looks like, what kind of bomb it is, why it is there and who the caller is. Note any identifying features about the caller (i.e. gender, speech patterns).

If there is a sighting of a suspicious object, the person would:

1. Notify Siter Administrator immediately.
2. Do not touch the object but note any identifying features to describe it to the Siter Administrator and emergency crews.

In all cases:

1. If the Siter Administrator determines the need to evacuate, staff follows emergency procedures previously described.
2. Before emergency crews are on campus, do not search for any bomb, or explosive. Search only for people who should be evacuated. However, a staff member may be asked

to accompany emergency responders to assist in pointing out any suspicious/unfamiliar objects or packages.

3. If you see any suspicious object, steer clear of it and report it to the Siter Administrator and/or emergency responders. Follow the directives of all emergency responders.
4. NEVER use devices that transmit radio frequencies such as cellular phones or walkie-talkies as the frequencies may set off an explosive device(s).

Explosion

If indoors:

1. Take cover within, next to, or under solid objects or walls. Solid materials such as concrete walls can serve as adequate shelter in a blast. Be familiar with possible areas of indoor cover at your school site ahead of time.
2. Turn away from glass windows.
3. Take cover under a desk or table or against an interior wall.
4. Cover head with arms or hold to the cover.
5. Hold the position until directed to evacuate the building.
6. Staff will follow the emergency procedures previously described.

If outdoors:

1. Move away from buildings, poles and overhead wires.
2. Lie down or crouch low to the ground. Solid materials such as concrete parking lot/playground curbs and planters can serve as adequate shelter in a blast. Be familiar with those possible areas of outdoor cover at your school site ahead of time.
3. Look out for dangers that demand movement.
4. Staff to follow emergency procedures previously described.

Death/Suicide

1. Siter Administrator will be notified in the event of a death or suicide on campus.
2. Assigned person(s) will phone 911.
3. Assigned person(s) will phone APS headquarters.
4. Siter Administrator will notify teachers to keep students in their classrooms until informed otherwise.
5. Assigned person(s) will control and organize media. Distribute media packages and/or make references to the appropriate school website that contains media information.
6. Assigned person(s) will notify relatives where the victim(s) have been taken and not divulge unnecessary details.
7. Assigned person(s) will ensure that counseling services are available as soon as possible.

Intruders/ Vicious Animals

1. Institute lockdown or evacuation protocol.
2. Nothing should discourage a teacher or staff member from immediately contacting 911 themselves should a life and death emergency exist. Seconds count in time of crisis. Emergency personnel must be alerted as soon as possible to mitigate disaster.
3. If it is unclear as whether or not an unfamiliar person is authorized on campus or an

animal is truly vicious, contact the main office to assist with confirmation/clarification. Office staff can take appropriate action at that point (i.e., contact Police or animal control agency).

Allergic Reaction

There are many types of medical conditions that may trigger an allergic reaction, among them anaphylactic shock, diabetes and sickle cell anemia. Possible symptoms of an allergic reaction include skin irritation or itching, rash, hives, nasal itching or sneezing, localized swelling, swollen tongue, restlessness, sweating, fright, shock, shortness of breath, vomiting, cough and hoarseness. School nurses have a specialized health care plan for certain conditions and should be contacted for any sign of allergic reaction.

STAFF ACTIONS:

1. If imminent risk, call 911.
2. Send for immediate help (First Aid, CPR, medical) and medication kit (for known allergies).
3. Notify Site Administrator.
4. Assist in getting "Epi" (Epinephrine) pen for individuals who carry them (usually in backpack), and prescription medications (kept by health coordinator).
5. If an insect sting, remove stinger immediately.
6. Assess situation and help student/staff member to be comfortable.
7. Move student or adult only for safety reasons.

SITE ADMINISTRATOR ACTIONS:

1. If imminent risk, call 911 (always call 911 if using "Epi" pen).
2. Notify parent or guardian.
3. Administer medication, by order of a doctor, if appropriate; apply ice pack to affected area, keep victim warm or take other actions as indicated.
4. Observe for respiratory difficulty.
5. Attach a label to the person's clothing indicating: time & site of insect sting or food ingested, name of medicine, dosage and time administered.

OTHER PREVENTATIVE/SUPPORTIVE ACTIONS:

1. Keep an "Epi" pen in the school office and notify staff as to location.
2. Emergency health card should be completed by parents for each child and should be easily accessible by school personnel.
3. Provide bus drivers with information sheets for all known acute allergic reactors.

PUBLIC AGENCY ACCESS

Public shelters are managed by the American Red Cross, and all shelter operations are coordinated through the Office of Emergency Services and AIMS Administrative Service Offices Personnel. AIMS will comply with all public agencies, such as the Red Cross, to establish the school building, school grounds and equipment for mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare. AIMS shall cooperate

with the public agency in furnishing and maintaining the services as the AIMS may deem necessary to meet the needs of the community.

GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

Out of school suspension is a disciplinary measure that must be executed when extreme safety concerns or egregious behavior have been displayed.

In the case of fights or other acts of violence, suspension is automatic.

With the exception of extreme concerns (at the determination of the School Administrators or their designate), generally, suspensions will not be more than two days.

In-School Suspension

Suspension - Out of school suspension is a last resort action. Buddy classroom placement should be utilized. Students should first have detentions and Saturday School prior to most suspensions. Parent shadowing should be used prior to most suspensions. In-house suspension should be used prior to most suspensions. In the case of fights or other acts of violence, suspension is automatic. Actions leading up to expulsion warrant suspension. With the exception of extreme concerns, suspensions shall not be more than two days.

A student identified as an individual with disabilities or for whom the Charter School has a basis of knowledge of a suspected disability pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (“IDEA”) or who is qualified for services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (“Section 504”) is subject to the same grounds for suspension and expulsion and is accorded the same due process procedures applicable to general education students except when federal and state law mandates additional or different procedures. The Charter School will follow all applicable federal and state laws including but not limited to the California Education Code, when imposing any form of discipline on a student identified as an individual with disabilities or for whom the Charter School has a basis of knowledge of a suspected disability or who is otherwise qualified for such services or protections in according due process to such students.

No student shall be involuntarily removed by the Charter School for any reason unless the parent or guardian of the student has been provided written notice of intent to remove the student no less than five schooldays before the effective date of the action. The written notice shall be in the native language of the student or the student’s parent or guardian or, if the student is a foster child or youth or a homeless child or youth, the student’s educational rights holder, and shall inform him or her of the basis for which the pupil is being involuntarily removed and his or her right to request a hearing to challenge the involuntary removal. If a parent, guardian, or educational rights holder requests a hearing, the AIMS K12 shall utilize the same hearing procedures specified below for expulsions, before the effective date of the action to involuntarily remove the student. If the student’s parent, guardian, or educational rights holder requests a hearing, the student shall remain enrolled and shall not be removed until AIMS K12 issues a final decision. As used herein, “involuntarily removed” includes disenrolled, dismissed, transferred, or terminated, but does not include removals for misconduct which may be grounds for suspension or expulsion as enumerated below.

Suspension/Discretionary Expulsion Conduct

The School Administrator or designee may suspend from school or recommend for expulsion a pupil if he or she determines that the pupil has committed one of the following acts:

- A. **Physical Injury or Violence:** Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person; or willfully used force or violence upon another person, except in self-defense. A pupil who aids or abets in infliction of physical injury to another may be suspended but not expelled.
- B. **Dangerous Object:** Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished a firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object, unless, in the case of possession of an object of this type, the pupil had obtained written permission to possess the item from the Site Administrator or the designee of the Site Administrator.
- C. **Drugs or Alcohol:** Unlawfully possessed, used, or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of a controlled substance, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind.
- D. **Look-Alike Substance:** Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell a controlled substance, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind, and either sold, delivered, or otherwise furnished to a person a replica substance.
- E. **Robbery/Extortion:** Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.
- F. **Property Damage/Vandalism:** Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property, including electronic files and databases.
- G. **Theft:** Stolen or attempted to steal school property or private property.
- H. **Tobacco:** Possessed or used tobacco, or products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets.
- I. **Obscenity/Profanity/Vulgarity:** Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.
- J. **Drug Paraphernalia:** Unlawfully possessed or unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell drug paraphernalia.
- K. **Receipt of Stolen Property:** Knowingly received stolen school property or private property
- L. **Imitation Firearm:** Possessed an imitation firearm. As used in this section, “imitation firearm” means a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm.
- M. **Witness Harassment or Intimidation:** Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness or a witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of either preventing that pupil from being a witness or retaliating against that pupil for being a witness, or

both.

- N. **Prescription Drug Soma:** Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma.
- O. **Hazing:** Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing. For purposes of this subdivision, “hazing” means a method of initiation or pre-initiation into a pupil organization or body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to a former, current, or prospective pupil. For purposes of this subdivision, “hazing” does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events.
- P. **Bullying/Electronic:** Engaged in an act of bullying, including, but not limited to, bullying committed by means of an electronic act, as defined herein, directed specifically toward pupil or school personnel.

1. **“Bullying”** means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, and including one or more acts committed by a pupil or group of pupils directed toward one or more pupils or school personnel that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:

- a) Placing reasonable pupil or school personnel in fear of harm to that pupil’s or school personnel’s person or property.
- b) Causing reasonable pupil or school personnel to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his or her physical or mental health.
- c) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with his or her academic performance, or school personnel with his or her job performance.
- d) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with his or her ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

2. **“Electronic act”** means the creation or transmission originated on or off the school site, by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager, of a communication, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

- a. A message, text, sound, video, or image.
- b. A post on a social network Internet Web site, including, but not limited to:
- c. Posting to or creating a burn page. **“Burn page”** means an Internet Web site created for the purpose of bullying.
- d. Creating a credible impersonation of another actual pupil for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (1). **“Credible impersonation”** means to knowingly and without consent impersonate a pupil for the purpose of bullying the pupil and such that another pupil

would reasonably believe, or has reasonably believed, that the pupil was or is the pupil who was impersonated.

e. Creating a false profile for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (1). **“False profile”** means a profile of a fictitious pupil or a profile using the likeness or attributes of an actual pupil other than the pupil who created the false profile.

f. An act of cyber sexual bullying: i. For purposes of this clause, **“cyber sexual bullying”** means the dissemination of, or the solicitation or incitement to disseminate, a photograph or other visual recording by a pupil to another pupil or to school personnel by means of an electronic act that has or can be reasonably predicted to have one or more of the effects described in subparagraphs (i) to (iv), inclusive, of paragraph (1). A photograph or other visual recording, as described above, shall include the depiction of a nude, semi-nude, or sexually explicit photograph or other visual recording of a minor where the minor is identifiable from the photograph, visual recording, or other electronic act.

1. For purposes of this clause, **“cyber sexual bullying”** does not include a depiction, portrayal, or image that has any serious literary, artistic, educational, political, or scientific value or that involves athletic events or school-sanctioned activities.
2. Notwithstanding subparagraphs (1) and (2) above, an electronic act shall not constitute pervasive conduct solely on the basis that it has been transmitted on the Internet or is currently posted on the Internet.
3. **“Reasonable pupil”** means a pupil, including, but not limited to, an exceptional needs pupil, who exercises average care, skill, and judgment in conduct for a person of his or her age, or for a person of his or her age with his or her exceptional needs.

Q. **Sexual Harassment:** The pupil has committed sexual harassment. The harassing conduct must be considered by a reasonable person of the same gender as the victim to be sufficiently severe or pervasive to have a negative impact upon the individual’s academic performance or to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment.

R. **Hate Violence:** The pupil has caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in a “hate crime.” “Hate crime” means a criminal act committed, in whole or in part, because of one or more of the following actual or perceived characteristics of the victim: disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

S. **Harassment, Threats, or Intimidation:** The pupil has intentionally engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation, directed against a pupil or group of pupils, that is sufficiently severe or pervasive to have the actual and reasonably expected effect of materially disrupting classwork, creating substantial disorder, and invading the rights of that pupil or group of pupils by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment.

T. **Terroristic Threats:** The pupil has made terroristic threats against school officials or school property, or both. For the purposes of this section, “terroristic threat” shall include any statement, whether written or oral, by a person who willfully threatens to commit a crime which will result in

death, great bodily injury to another person, or property damage in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), with the specific intent that the statement is to be taken as a threat, even if there is no intent of actually carrying it out, which, on its face and under the circumstances in which it is made, is so unequivocal, unconditional, immediate, and specific as to convey to the person threatened, a gravity of purpose and an immediate prospect of execution of the threat, and thereby causes that person reasonably to be in sustained fear for his or her own safety or for his or her immediate family's safety, or for the protection of school district property, or the personal property of the person threatened or his or her immediate family.

- I. Parent/Guardian will be notified in all cases of violations.
- II. Administration will determine discipline based upon the following criteria:
 - A. Seriousness of offense
 - B. Circumstances of situation
 - C. Student's prior disciplinary records
 - D. Any other extenuating circumstances

Suspension Procedures

The site leaders are afforded a great deal of discretion in determining appropriate punishments, **unless a mandatory expulsion offense is identified.**

Even if suspension is deemed appropriate, the site administrator may opt for supervised in-school suspension.

If the School Administrator or Division Heads or designee determines that suspension is appropriate, a school employee shall make a reasonable effort to contact the pupil's parent or guardian in person or by telephone. Whenever a pupil is suspended from school, the parent or guardian shall be notified in writing of the suspension.

The School Administrator or Division Heads or designee shall report the suspension of the pupil, including the cause therefore, to the Superintendent.

A parent conference will be scheduled to discuss the matter with the School Administrators or designee. Whenever practical, the teacher or staff member who witnessed the offense will also be present. At this conference, the administration and the parent or guardian will discuss the causes, duration, school policy involved, and any other matters pertinent to the suspension.

Any pupil who is suspended for five days or fewer must complete all assignments and tests missed during the suspension within three school days of their return. Any pupil who is suspended for more than five days will have five school days after their return to complete all assignments and tests missed during suspension.

Administration has the authority to lengthen the amount of time a pupil has to make-up his or her

work, as appropriate in a given situation. Assignments submitted late will receive no credit.

Expulsion Requirements

All 48900 offenses as spelled out in the California Education Code automatically warrant an expulsion hearing. Students may also be expelled for repeated excessive behavioral concerns. AIMS expulsion forms must be used in the process. Legal Timelines must be adhered to without exceptions. All relevant witnesses, teachers and administrators must be present at the hearing. Parents must be informed in writing of the expulsion. (This section also appears in the behavior section.)

Students who commit offenses that result in a recommendation for expulsion or mandatory expulsion, or whose conduct falls under **“Suspension/Discretionary Expulsion”** (excluding disruption or defiance) will be referred to the School Administrator or designee. If a teacher observes disruptive or defiant conduct, the teacher will make a determination as to whether or not administrative intervention is required. Otherwise, they may follow the school’s discipline policies to ensure proper student conduct.

To determine whether or not an offense meets the guidelines for suspension or expulsion, the Superintendent and the School Administrator or designee will meet with the pupil and school employee who referred the pupil for discipline. At the conference, the pupil shall be informed of the reason for the disciplinary action and the evidence against him or her and shall be given the opportunity to respond. If an “emergency situation” exists, the pupil may be excluded from this meeting. “Emergency situation” means a situation determined by the School Administrator or designee to constitute a clear and present danger to the life, safety, or health of pupils or school personnel. If a pupil is suspended without a conference before suspension, both the parent and the pupil shall be notified of the pupil’s right to a conference.

Unless an offense results in a recommendation for expulsion or mandatory expulsion, as a matter of policy, American Indian Model Schools consider suspension and discretionary expulsion a punishment of last resort. Suspension and discretionary expulsion shall be imposed only when other means of correction fail to bring about proper conduct. Therefore, our schools will first consider the appropriateness of other disciplinary avenues before suspending or expelling a student.

If a pupil has committed a suspension-eligible offense, then the school administrator has the authority to recommend expulsion. Expulsion will be used as a tool of last resort for students whose conduct is so egregious that it is unlikely to be changed by any other means and whose behavior poses a threat to the safety of a member of the school community or significantly limits the ability of other students to effectively learn.

In addition to any school action, suspected criminal activity will be reported to the police and appropriate legal consequences may result.

For purposes of notification to parents, and for the reporting of expulsion or suspension offenses to the CDE, AIMS K12 Schools will identify, by offense committed, in all appropriate records of a pupil each suspension or expulsion of that pupil.

AIMS K12 will notify the District of Residence within 30 days of all transfers, disciplinary or not. For all students who are expelled, the school will contact the District of Residence to notify them of the terms of

the expulsion.

Expulsion Hearings and Process

The School Administrator recommends expulsion by clearly defining the facts and situation in writing to the AIMS K12 Superintendent.

The AIMS K12 Superintendent decides whether or not to recommend expulsion to the Board.

Within 30 school days of a recommendation for expulsion from the Superintendent, the Board will hold a hearing to determine if it is appropriate to expel the pupil. The pupil may request, in writing, a postponement of no more than 30 calendar days. Any additional postponement may only be granted at the discretion of the Board.

Within 10 school days after the conclusion of the hearing, the Board shall decide whether to expel the pupil.

If compliance by the Board with the time requirements for the conducting of an expulsion hearing under this subdivision is impracticable, the Superintendent may, for good cause, extend the time period for the holding of the expulsion hearing for an additional 5 school days.

Written notice of the hearing shall be forwarded to the pupil at least 10 calendar days prior to the date of the hearing by the Board Secretary and shall include:

- a. The date and place of the hearing.
- b. A statement of the specific facts and charges upon which the proposed expulsion is based.
- c. A copy of the disciplinary rules of the school district that relate to the alleged violation.
- d. A notice of the parent, guardian, or pupil's obligation upon enrollment in another school district to inform the receiving school district of his or her status with the previous school.
- e. Notice of the opportunity for the pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian to appear in person or to be represented by legal counsel or by a non-attorney adviser, to inspect and obtain copies of all documents to be used at the hearing, to confront and question all witnesses who testify at the hearing, to question all other evidence presented, and to present oral and documentary evidence on the pupil's behalf, including witnesses.

The Board shall conduct a hearing to consider the expulsion of a pupil in a session closed to the public, unless the pupil requests, in writing, at least five days before the date of the hearing, that the hearing be conducted at a public meeting. Regardless of whether the expulsion hearing is conducted in a closed or public session, the Board may meet in closed session for the purpose of deliberating and determining whether the pupil should be expelled.

A record of the hearing shall be made. The record may be maintained by any means, including electronic recording, so long as a reasonably accurate and complete written transcription of the proceedings can be made.

Technical rules of evidence shall not apply to the hearing, but relevant evidence may be admitted and given probative effect if it is the kind of evidence upon which reasonable persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs. A decision of the Board to expel must be supported by substantial

evidence showing that the pupil committed the act(s) of which he or she is accused.

The final action to expel a pupil shall be taken only by the Board in an open session. Written notice of any decision to expel or to suspend the enforcement of an expulsion order during a period of probation must be sent by the board president or his or her designee to the pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian.

The Board shall maintain a record of each expulsion, including the cause therefore. Records of expulsions shall be a non-privileged, disclosable public record subject to FERPA. The expulsion order and the causes therefore shall be recorded in the pupil's mandatory interim record and shall be forwarded to any school in which the pupil subsequently enrolls upon receipt of a request from the admitting school for the pupil's school records.

Suspending an Expulsion Order

The Board, upon voting to expel a pupil, may suspend the enforcement of the expulsion order for a period of not more than one calendar year and may, as a condition of the suspension of enforcement, assign the pupil to a school, class, or program that is deemed appropriate for the rehabilitation of the pupil. The rehabilitation program to which the pupil is assigned may provide for the involvement of the pupil's parent or guardian in his or her child's education in ways that are specified in the rehabilitation program. A parent or guardian's refusal to participate in the rehabilitation program shall not be considered in the Board's determination as to whether the pupil has satisfactorily completed the rehabilitation program.

During the period of the suspension of the expulsion order, the pupil is deemed to be on probationary status. The Board may revoke the suspension of an expulsion order under this section if the pupil commits any of the acts designated as Suspension/Discretionary Expulsion Conduct or violates any of the school's rules and regulations governing pupil conduct. When the Board revokes the suspension of an expulsion order, a pupil may be expelled under the terms of the original expulsion order.

Upon satisfactory completion of the rehabilitation assignment of a pupil, the Board shall reinstate the pupil and may also order the expungement of any or all records of the expulsion proceedings.

Readmission to the Charter

An expulsion order shall remain in effect until the Board orders the readmission of a pupil. At the time an expulsion of a pupil is ordered for an act other than Mandatory Expulsion Conduct, the Board shall set a date, not later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred, when the pupil shall be reviewed for readmission. For a pupil who has been expelled for an act of Mandatory Expulsion Conduct, the Board shall set a date of one year from the date the expulsion occurred, when the pupil shall be reviewed for readmission, except that the Board may set an earlier date for readmission on a case- by-case basis.

The Board shall recommend a plan of rehabilitation for the pupil at the time of the expulsion order, which may include, but not be limited to, periodic review as well as assessment at the time of review for readmission. The plan may also include recommendations for improved academic performance, tutoring, special education assessments, job training, counseling, employment, community service, or other rehabilitative programs.

Any pupil who has been expelled and who seeks readmission, must submit a request to the Board President in writing no more than 21 (but no less than 7) calendar days before the end of the term of the expulsion. In addition, the pupil must provide documentation that all conditions for rehabilitation set by the Board have been met.

Upon completion of the readmission process, the Board shall readmit the pupil, unless the Board makes a finding that the pupil has not met the conditions of the rehabilitation plan or continues to pose a danger to campus safety or to other pupils or employees of the school. A description of the procedure shall be made available to the pupil and the pupil's parent or guardian at the time the expulsion order is entered.

If the Board denies the pupil's request for readmission, the Board shall provide written notice to the expelled pupil and the pupil's parent or guardian describing the reasons for denying the pupil re-admittance into the school.

PROCEDURES FOR NOTIFYING TEACHERS OF DANGEROUS PUPILS

In order to fulfill the requirements made by Education Code 49079 and Welfare and Institutions Code 827 that state teachers must be notified of the reason(s) a student has been suspended, site leadership will send a notification out to the relevant teachers with required information. The teacher can also access the suspension by looking at the student's discipline screen. The information provided is for the student's current teachers only. All information regarding suspension and expulsion is CONFIDENTIAL, is not to be shared with any student(s) or parent(s). Teachers are asked to secure the list so students and others may not view it.

Pursuant to Welfare & Institution Code 827(b) and Education Code 48267, the Court notifies the Superintendent of the school's authorizing district regarding students who have engaged in certain criminal conduct. This information is forwarded to the Site Administrator. The Site Administrator is responsible for prompt notification of the student's teachers. Per Education Code 49079, this information must be kept confidential. This information is also forwarded to all administrators and the student's counselor.

HARRASSMENT, DISCRIMINATION, AND BULLYING POLICY

AIMS K12 is committed to protecting its students, employees, and applicants for admission from bullying, harassment, or discrimination based on the actual or perceived characteristics set forth in Penal Code Section 422.5, Education Code Section 220 and actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race or ethnicity, ethnic group identification, ancestry, nationality, national origin, religion, color, mental or physical disability, age, immigration status or on the basis of a person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics, in any program or activity it conducts or to which it provides significant assistance.

AIMS K12 believes that all students and employees have a right to a safe, equitable and harassment-free school environment. As a school, we have an obligation to promote mutual respect, tolerance and acceptance. AIMS K12 prohibits any acts of discrimination, harassment, and bullying on any area of the school campus, at school-sponsored events and activities, regardless of location, through school-owned technology and through other electronic means, consistent with this policy. Bullying, harassment, or discrimination will not be tolerated and shall be just cause for disciplinary

action.

For additional information, please read the Section on School Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures.

SCHOOL PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Notice of Regulations

The AIMS K-12 administration shall ensure that students and their parents/ guardians are notified in writing upon enrollment of all discipline policies, rules and procedures. This handbook satisfies this requirement by describing expectations for student behavior, plans for managing student behavior and consequences for not adhering to expectations.

Student Dress Code Policy

All students at AIMS, grades K-12, must adhere to the dress code while on the school campus. Teachers and administrators are responsible to ensure this code is adhered to. Students not in dress code will receive detentions and other applicable consequences.

Dress code K-5

- Solid White or Navy polo or collar shirt
- Solid White or Navy sweater or jacket
- Solid Khaki or Navy below knee jumper, below knee dress, pants, below knee shorts or skirt
- All Black, White, Blue, or Brown shoes
- No showing jewelry
- No makeup
- No artificial nails

Dress code 6-8

- Solid White or Navy polo or collar shirt
- Solid White or Navy sweater or jacket
- Solid Khaki or Navy below knee jumper, below knee dress, uniform pants, below knee shorts or skirt
- All Black, White, Blue, or Brown shoes
- No showing jewelry
- No makeup
- No artificial nails
- AIMS Swag on Fridays

Dress code 9-12

- Solid White or Navy polo or collar shirt
- Red AIMS Jacket
- Solid White or Navy sweater or jacket
- Solid White or Navy below knee jumper, below knee dress, pants, below knee shorts or

skirt

- All Black, White, Blue, or Brown shoes
- No showing jewelry
- Natural colored artificial nails no longer than you normal nail bed length
- AIMS SWAG may be worn daily

Parent Communication Policies

It is very important to ensure that communication between your home and the school is a continuous process. To stay informed of all meetings and events, please check the monthly calendar and the school website on a regular basis.

Communication is key to AIMS being a healthy environment for students and adults. Follow these tips to effectively communicate:

With Teachers:

Parents have an opportunity to meet with teachers at Back-to-School Night and Open House in the Fall.

Parents may receive personal phone calls or emails periodically from their child's teachers.

Parents will meet with teachers for a parent/teacher conference at least once each semester. All parents are encouraged to attend teacher conferences and/or to contact teachers to meet with them throughout their child's high school years.

Parents may contact teachers by written notes, phone calls, emails, or communicate through Parent Square.

Parents may also make an appointment to meet with the teacher during their scheduled preps or open "office hours," or according to the teacher's availability. We encourage all parents to be proactive in their communication with teachers, and not only when problems may arise.

You can contact a teacher by:

1. Calling the school and leaving a message on the voice mail system; the teacher will return your **call within 48 hours**
2. Writing a note to the teacher and sending it with your student
3. Sending an email or Parent Square
4. Making an appointment to meet with the teacher during their scheduled open "office hours," or according to the teacher's availability.

With the School:

1. The AIMS website, AIMS Standard, and AIMS handbook contain answers to many of the questions parents and community members may have. Please consult these prior to contacting the school with questions.
2. Parents may contact the school with written notes, phone calls, or emails if they have questions or concerns, or make an appointment with the appropriate person to address your

concerns.

3. Progress reports are given every three weeks, and must be signed by parent/ guardian(s) and returned to school.
4. Report cards will be distributed every nine weeks, and parents must meet with teachers if their student is failing or if teachers request a conference.
5. Student progress, grades, attendance are also available on PowerSchool. Grades are updated on a weekly basis.
6. AIMS Newsletters will be emailed via Parent Square.
7. Memos and flyers are sent home on an as needed basis.
8. Back-to-School Night, scheduled in the Fall, is an opportunity for parents/guardians to meet their child's teachers, to get an overview of grade level curriculum and expectations, and to learn more about the school from the School Administrator and your child's teacher.
9. Family Advisory Council (FAC) is the vehicle for parents to learn on a monthly basis about school activities and meet to support those activities.
10. Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) is where stakeholders learn about the budget and to provide input.
11. School Site Council (SSC) is where decisions are made regarding Federal Funds
12. Board meetings are a time for the board to meet and discuss governance. Visitors are welcomed and protocols for behavior and structure must be followed by attendees.

With your child during the school day:

If you need to communicate with your child during school, call the office and leave a message for your child. That message will be given to your child. Please make all carpool or after school pick up arrangements with your child before the school day.

Parent Involvement Guidelines

The involvement of parents in the classroom or at the school is greatly encouraged. Along with being a school volunteer, parents may visit the classroom as an observer. Parents are welcome to request an observation period at any time.

However, teachers have the right to refuse unscheduled observation requests. The best way to plan an observation is to follow these procedures:

1. Schedule a date and time with the teacher by leaving a message for them in the main office or contacting them during their office hours.
2. Explain the purpose for the observation.

Note: Observation times may be limited. During observations, teachers and support staff are not available for any one-on-one discussions or conferences. These meetings may be scheduled for a later time.

Our goal is to create the strongest possible partnership between home and school in order to increase student achievement and success. Parents are our most important partners in the road to student success. We strongly believe that students will find greater levels of academic success when their home and school share similar values about learning, develop a positive relationship, and work together to build a strong partnership.

To ensure the development of authentic and productive relationships with parents, AIMS K12 offers a variety of opportunities for you to be involved in the academic life of your child at the classroom and school levels. We further demonstrate our commitment to forging genuine partnerships with all parents by offering high-quality family services, including a comprehensive parent workshop program.

Ways to Participate at AIMS

Become a School Instructional Volunteer:

Throughout the school year opportunities will arise for you to volunteer in your student's classroom, in the school, and for special events. AIMS K12 encourages and welcomes your involvement and participation as a volunteer. We ask that you follow certain policies and guidelines as a school volunteer as outlined in the following section "School Volunteer Guidelines."

Family Advisory Council:

AIMS K12 has a Family Advisory Council (FAC), which serves as an advisory forum for parents to engage the AIMS K12 staff and other parents. The council will consist of the School Administrators, Parent Engagement Coordinator, teachers, other staff members, and parents. Students will also be encouraged to participate so that they may help shape school policy.

LCAP Advisory Committee And SSC:

The LCAP Advisory Committee and SSC recommends modifications to the strategic plan to reflect changing needs and/or priorities. Also, the LCAP Advisory Committee will provide input on: LCAP, SPSA curricula and instructional strategies, staff professional development, the school budget, parent involvement, staff stipends, and the school calendar. The LCAP Advisory Committee and SSC will meet monthly during the academic year. Ultimately, the goal is to ensure that there is two-way communication between the school, parents and all its stakeholders.

Election of parent representatives and other community members are held during the fall of each school year. Nomination forms for parent and community members shall be distributed at each school site and sent home to parents. New members and alternates shall be installed by the October meeting.

Other special program/project committees may be established for specific purposes such as fundraising activities, special events, etc.

Participate in Parent Workshops:

Various Parent Workshops and school special events and activities will be held during the school year. Throughout the year the school may offer educational opportunities for the continuing education of parents/guardians. Such opportunities may include classes on parenting, health topics, open communication, job training, domestic violence, and English Language Development. Other opportunities include families having the option to attend DLAC, ELAC, Wellness and Family Advisory meetings. All meeting spaces and workshops are open to families.

School Volunteer Guidelines

Volunteer Procedures:

Any person interested in participating in a school's volunteer program must complete the volunteer application through the parent resources section on AIMS website:

<https://aimsk12.org/family-message>.

A volunteer for a single event that takes place for the duration of one day only does not need to submit an application but must be checked by a school administrator against the California Megan's Law online database at <http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov>.

The Parent Community Liaison must confirm and verify that the volunteer has met all requirements, including:

- Completed and signed volunteer application
- Megan's Law clearance
- Tuberculosis test clearance (no more than two years old)
- Live Scan Fingerprinting required

Volunteer applicants need to be fingerprinted only once during their volunteer service. AIMS adheres to the California State statutes pertaining to supervised volunteerism in public schools. Fingerprinting clearance by the FBI and the DOJ is required for the following persons:

- Persons providing direct instruction to students regardless of the number of hours engaged in such activity, even if supervised by a certificated employee
- Persons volunteering in any school for more than 16 hours per week, regardless of supervision
- Persons volunteering for less than 16 hours per week under general supervision and whose duties require significant contact with students, as determined by the school Site Administrator, including the following: unch supervision assistants/food handlers

School volunteers are required to sign in at the school office upon entering the campus and sign out when they exit the campus.

Volunteer Guidelines

Classroom and student work is always confidential. Please don't discuss student problems with anyone except the teacher or School Administrator. Try not to compare children within the classroom. Since there are as many methods as there are teachers, please do not compare different methods of teaching. There is no defined best way to teach. Work positively for the good of the school. Constructive criticism should be directed only to the supervising teacher or school administrator. When you are volunteering in the classroom, please remember that you are doing so under the direction of the teacher. Ask questions! If something is unclear, please ask for clarification. If you have any questions about volunteer policies and procedures, please contact the Administrative Assistant to the School Administrator.

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY

The school will train and maintain practices and procedures so that the campus is physically secure and safe.

Entrances and Exits

The site administrator should develop procedures so that students, staff, parents and community members can enter and exit the building in a safe and orderly way, and that the building is secure

from unauthorized entry during non-school hours, as follows:

- Designating individuals to lock the school building and/or grounds when not in use
- Training school staff members to maintain the security of the building when working during non-regular working hours (e.g. not propping doors open, re-securing the building after leaving)
- Maintaining a practice of locking doors that are not being regularly used, even during school hours
- Posting signs requesting that visitors sign in at the main office
- Establishing a culture in which any adults without a visitor or staff badge and any children not enrolled at the school are escorted immediately to the main office
- Periodically testing the security system according the manufacturer or vendor instructions, to ensure it is functioning
- Creating a dismissal plan and student pick-up traffic plan to avoid congestion of the local streets, and to prevent students from crossing traffic unnecessarily

Releasing Students

AIMS K-12 employees are responsible for releasing students to parents, legal guardians or other persons designated by parents or legal guardians, unless formally modified by a court order served to the school.

In the event that employees are uncertain of the propriety of releasing a student, they should locate or contact the site administrator, site administrator's designee or Dean of Students before releasing the student.

Visitors Policy

All visitors to school sites must report to the school office when entering and receive authorization to visit elsewhere in the school site. While AIMS strongly encourages parent visits, classroom visits during school hours must be authorized by both the teacher and the administrator.

In registering as a visitor, the sign-in form should include spaces for the following information:

- Name
- His/her purpose for entering school grounds
- Destination within the school
- Time in and out

At his/her discretion, the site administrator, or designee may also request

- proof of identity
- address
- occupation and company affiliation
- age (if less than 21); and any other information consistent with law

Parents and guardians visiting during the school day for any purpose other than picking up at or dropping off a child at the beginning or end of the school day as part of the normal school day schedule should also be requested to sign into the visitor log or a special log for parents. This applies to parents and guardians who are picking up a student early (e.g. for a medical reason) or

dropping off a student late (e.g. tardy), as well as parents and guardians who are on campus to volunteer in their child's classroom.

AIMS employees from school campuses and the Home Office are strongly encouraged to notify the front desk upon arrival and should wear badges signifying that they are AIMS employees. However, formal visitor registration is at the discretion of the school site administrator or designee.

VIP Visitors accompanied by any AIMS management team member may be requested to register as a visitor at the discretion of the accompanying AIMS management team member.

Students not enrolled at the school who wish to use the school grounds for recreation during the school day are, at the discretion of the site administrator, also subject to AIMS's visitor policy.

The site administrator or designee may refuse to register any visitor if he or she reasonably concludes that the visitor's/outsider's presence would disrupt the school, students or employees, would result in damage to property, or would result in the distribution or use of a controlled substance. (Penal Code 627.4).

The site administrator or designee may request that a visitor/outsider who has failed to register, or whose registration privileges have been denied or revoked, to promptly leave school grounds. If necessary, the site administrator or designee may call the local police to enforce the departure of the visitor/outsider. When a visitor/outsider is directed to leave, the site administrator or designee shall inform the visitor/outsider that if he or she reenters the school within seven (7) days, he or she will be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine and/or imprisonment. (Penal Code 627.7).

All schools shall inform parents annually about the school's policies regarding visitors/outsideers, and remind parents that to maximize safety and security they should also register when visiting the school.

FINGERPRINT POLICY

All employees of AIMS are fingerprinted and the prints are transmitted to the California Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a criminal conviction records check. The employee will bear the cost of DOJ background checks. No employee will be permitted to perform any of the duties of his/her position until this processing has been completed and it is determined that there is no criminal conviction that would prohibit the employee from working with students and staff.

SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

AIMS K12 is committed to ensuring that employees and all individuals who work with or have contact with students conduct themselves with students in a way that is supportive, positive, professional, and non-exploitative. AIMS will not tolerate inappropriate conduct or behavior

towards or with students by its employees or any individual who works with or has contact with students.

At AIMS K12 we believe that by demonstrating respect for each other, we can create a safe, caring and cooperative environment that promotes learning and celebrates the uniqueness of all individuals. AIMS K12 believes that all students have the right to learn. No student has the right to choose behavior that infringes upon the rights of others. We recognize the primary role of parents as the first and best teachers of their children. We also recognize the partnership that needs to exist between home and school. Our discipline policy is designed to encourage students to acquire and apply acceptable behaviors because student behavior is a key component of school culture and sets the foundation for academic achievement.

We expect that all students behave in a respectful way toward their teachers, any adults, their classmates, and the property of others. Additionally, students will be treated and spoken to respectfully and with care.

With a focus on community building, it is our goal that every student possesses a clear understanding of how their actions affect others. While our larger goal is to discourage misbehavior preemptively, when it occurs, we use missteps as opportunities for learning and reflection. Schools have developed behavior expectations, procedures, and policies that are consistent with a positive discipline model in which we use both kindness and firmness to co-create relationships that include both care and accountability. Systematic positive praise, reinforcement of desired behaviors, and community building structures are coupled with fair and equitable consequences for students who do not adhere to their responsibilities.

AIMS K12 Schools' approach to discipline includes: teaching school rules and social-emotional skills, reinforcing appropriate school behavior, using effective classroom management and positive behavior support strategies by providing early intervention for misconduct and appropriate use of consequences, and tracking discipline data to ensure that rules and consequences are being applied fairly to all students.

Upon enrollment and at the beginning of each school year, AIMS K12 families will each receive a copy of the Parent/Student Handbook in their Enrollment Packets and be asked to review the Handbook and agree in writing to abide by the provisions of the Handbook, including the school's discipline policy. The plan may include, but are not limited to, day-to-day discipline including, school detentions, in-school suspensions, Saturday schools, disciplinary probation, and guidelines for suspension and expulsion. The student discipline policy will define student responsibilities, unacceptable behavior, and the consequences for noncompliance. In addition, school staff members review the discipline policy with new students and parents at the commencement of school each year.

Teachers will be trained during professional development meetings to use effective classroom management strategies to maximize instruction and minimize student misbehavior, and there will be school-wide systems for assigning both positive and negative consequences. Positive consequences include privileges such as lunch with teachers and free dress. Students who do not adhere to stated expectations for behavior and who violate the school's rules may expect consequences for their behavior.

Consequences may include, but are not limited to:

- Warning, verbal and/or written
- Individual conference with the teacher

- Loss of privileges
- Individual behavior contract
- Referral to the School Director or other school staff member
- Notices to parents by telephone or letter
- Parent conference, at school or during a home visit
- Suspension
- Expulsion

Staff shall enforce disciplinary rules and procedures fairly and consistently among all students. Corporal punishment shall not be used as a disciplinary measure against any student. Corporal punishment includes the willful infliction of or willfully causing the infliction of physical pain on a student. For purposes of the policy, corporal punishment does not include an employee's use of force that is reasonable and necessary to protect the employee, students, staff or other persons or to prevent damage to school property. Suspended or expelled students shall be excluded from all school and school-related activities unless otherwise agreed during the period of suspension or expulsion.

Any student who engages in repeated violations of the school's behavioral expectations, or a single severe infraction, will be requested to attend a meeting with the school's staff and the student's parents. The school will prepare a specific, written agreement outlining future student conduct expectations, timelines, and consequences for failure to meet the expectations which may include, but are not limited to, suspension or expulsion.

AIMS K12 is exempt from Education Code requirements and procedures related to student suspension and expulsion. Therefore, references in this charter to the Education Code are used as a guideline. A student may be suspended or expelled for any of the acts enumerated in Education Code § 48900, except for willful defiance, related to school activity or school attendance that occurs at any time including, but not limited to:

- While on school grounds
- While going to or leaving from school
- During, or traveling to or from school, sponsored activities

AIMS K12 will be a positive and progressive place of learning. The discipline system is designed to create a culture of learning and the Code of Conduct (see Code of Conduct area below) is created to be preventative. Teachers will use a range of lower-level consequences (nonverbal cues, conferencing with the student, loss of privileges, etc.) before resorting to more serious consequences. However, we will have clear policies governing suspension and expulsion. Certain offenses will result in in-school suspension while other more serious violations will result in out-of-school suspensions. Violations – that put students and/or the school in grave physical danger – will be considered grounds for expulsion according to Ed. Code 4900. Suspended students will also be responsible for making up all missed work within the specified timetable.

Student Behavior Expectations

At AIMS K12, students are held accountable for their behavior. No one student has the right to disrupt the learning environment of their fellow class members. Students are interested in their education and helping keep the focus on that main goal. Students are aware that they impact other students in the classroom, as they transition, participate in lunch and study hall, and stand in line.

With the instructions of their teachers, they choose to behave appropriately in those situations and others.

Students are expected to:

- Be diligent in their studies.
- Treat school property, private property, and other people with respect.
- Obey all school and classroom rules while at school, at District and school activities, and on the way to and from school.
- Follow all directions and directives given by any staff member.
- Dress according to the AIMS K12 dress code. All gang-related attire is prohibited.
- Use proper communication protocols to be heard and to not interrupt others.
- Not use foul language, or participate in bullying, name-calling, or fighting.

Students with Disabilities

Generally, any student identified as a student with a disability pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 1400-1482, is subject to the same disciplinary measures applicable to all students for violations of the code of conduct, except when the student's behavior is determined to be a manifestation of his/her disability.

Responses to Misbehavior of the Student Discipline Policy

- Warning
- Detention
- Behavior Contract
- a) Students who have repeated behavioral problems need to have a behavior contract that describes the behaviors the student is supposed to engage in as well as the consequences. Parents and students must sign the agreement, and there must be a follow up meeting within four to six weeks. A referral may be made to SST to address the repeated misbehaviors.
- b) Parent Conference
- c) Counseling
- d) Loss of privileges, extracurricular activities, etc.
- e) Sending a student to another classroom for a limited period of time.
- Behavioral referral forms will be completed by the teacher before sending a student out to a buddy classroom or to an administrator. The form will state why the student was sent, and what was done in the classroom to first stop the concern. A file of the forms will be kept in the office.
- f) Additional required hours at school: detention or Saturday School.
- g) Additional school work: extra homework, writing lines or copying materials, additional study/review.
- h) Community Service: clean, organize, take out trash, sweep, etc. AIMS k12 will provide gloves and necessary cleaning supplies as appropriate.
- i) Communication tools: Students will write letters of apology to their families/staff to discuss poor behavior/performance
- j) Confiscation of prohibited items.
- k) Suspension or Expulsion in extreme cases with leadership approval

Consequences Requirements: Consequences include the following: detentions, doubled detentions, banning from extra-curricular activities (like sports, dances), parent shadowing, removal from classroom, apology to class for misbehavior, apology to parents and teacher for misbehavior.

Detention

Detentions must be given until behavior improves. Detention forms must be used to ensure that the student, office, and teacher each have a copy. Detention sessions must be quiet and focused. Detentions are not optional at any level. See Additional Forms for a copy of a detention slip.

There are a variety of reasons a detention can be issued. These include, but are not limited to:

1. Tardiness
2. Cutting class
3. Not returning homework
4. Unsigned memo/detention/report card/etc.
5. Missing classroom materials
 - Disorganization
 - Incomplete classroom job
6. Speaking out of turn
7. Talking in class
8. Out of seat without permission
9. Not following directions
10. Food/Drinks/Gum/Candy
11. Throwing/Kicking/Hitting/Teasing

Saturday School

Saturday School is held weekly at each school site.

Saturday School can be separated into two categories: **Academic** and **Restorative Justice**, and **Academic Saturday School**.

Academic Saturday School may be assigned by any teacher or administrator, often as a disciplinary measure with regard to low grades, missing work, or absences.

Restorative Justice Saturday School is for behavioral concerns, and is often assigned by a staff member or administrator. Restorative Justice Saturday School can also be assigned automatically, by having two detentions in one week.

Academic Saturday School:

Evidence shows that increased academic instruction, tutoring, and study time can help support students in areas where they are struggling. For these reasons, as part of the AIMS Standard, we offer and may require students to attend Academic Saturday School in instances where academic concerns must be addressed.

Academic Saturday School may be issued under the following circumstances:

- Obtaining a C- or below in any academic quarter or semester
- To complete make-up assignments, projects, or assessments

- Any unexcused student absence or tardy truancy
- Placement on academic probation
- In need of improving their subject benchmark mastery, or statewide assessments
- At the discretion of the Teacher, Administrator, Parent/Guardian, or Student

Students will be assigned packets to complete any makeup school work, missing assignments, or to receive tutoring. Students should come to Saturday School prepared and ready to work.

Restorative Justice Saturday School:

Restorative Justice is a theory of justice that emphasizes repairing the harm caused by criminal behavior. It is best accomplished through cooperative processes that allow all willing stakeholders to meet, although other approaches are available when that is impossible. This can lead to transformation of people, relationships, and communities.

Students who have received two detentions in one week will attend Restorative Justice Saturday School. Students who have committed egregious violations of any part of the code of conduct will attend Restorative Justice Saturday School. Restorative Justice Saturday School may be assigned at the discretion of the School Administrator.

Dialogue and other Restorative Justice practices can be used so that students can learn to resolve conflicts on their own and in small groups. Students can be empowered to make better decisions. Students will participate in campus community service in order to encourage character building.

Absences from Saturday School:

Students may not be absent from Saturday School without a legitimate excuse and prior approval from an administrator. A legitimate excuse (lack of transportation, religious holiday, etc.) and a signed note from a parent or guardian are required for approval from an administrator or designee. Attending an AIMS or Non-AIMS sporting event or extracurricular activity is **not** a legitimate excuse to be absent from Saturday School.

Any unexcused Saturday school absence will result in an additional Saturday School. If unexcused absences continue, different disciplinary measures may occur.

Academic Saturday School Procedures:

Teachers will receive a memo to distribute to students on the Wednesday prior to the upcoming Saturday School. Students must submit their signed memo by the following school day.

Students may only work on homework after they have completed their assigned Saturday School work.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent - Teacher conferences may be held as needed to allow parent, teacher, and student to address areas

of concern and determine a course of action.

Social Probation

At the discretion of the School Administrator and/or designee, an AIMS K12 student may be placed on social probation, which is defined as a period of time in which a student is restricted from engaging in any AIMS K12 activities. Students can be placed on social probation for repeated disciplinary concerns or suspension.

Students on social probation may be prohibited from:

1. Attending or participating in any on or off campus athletic events
2. Prohibition of attending club meetings

Failure to adhere to the terms of social probation will result in a longer term of social probation or suspension.

Administrative Searches

AIMS may conduct searches of students and items under the student's control (e.g., locker, backpack, purse) to ensure student and staff safety. Specifically, the purpose of these searches is to:

- Detect the possession of weapons or controlled substances
- Deter bringing weapons or controlled substances onto school grounds or during school activities
- Reduce the potential for violent incidents

Searches may be conducted under the following circumstances:

Searches based on reasonable suspicion. If a student has engaged in conduct that causes an administrator to have reasonable suspicion that the student has committed, or is about to commit, a crime or has violated statutory laws or school rules, the administrator may conduct a search of that student.

The administrator must:

- Contact a parent or guardian and inform them of the search.
- Be able to articulate the reasons for his/her suspicion and the facts and/or circumstances surrounding a specific incident.
- Be able to reasonably connect the student to a specific incident, crime, rule, or statute violation.
- Have relied on recent, credible information from personal knowledge and/or other eyewitnesses.
- Ensure that a search based on reasonable suspicion is not excessively intrusive in light of the student's age and gender and the nature of the offense.

When conducting a student search based on reasonable suspicion, school administrators must adhere to the following practices:

- Conduct the search only if there are clear and specific reasons for suspicion and there are facts that connect the student to a specific incident of misconduct.

- Jackets, purses, pockets, backpacks, bags and containers in the student’s possession may be searched to the extent reasonably necessary.
- Under no conditions may a body or strip search be conducted.
- Only school administrators of the same gender as the student searched may conduct the search.
- Searches based on reasonable suspicion must be conducted in a private area where the search will not be visible to other students or staff (except for a school administrator or designee witness, also of the same gender).
- The school can request law enforcement participation if necessary.

STUDENT SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY

School Cleanliness

Students have the responsibility of working to keep their campus clean. It is part of the AIMS Standard that we take pride in our campus and school, so AIMS K12 students should not only clean up after themselves, they should endeavor to leave the campus as clean as they found it at the beginning of the day.

Restroom Policy

1. By law, students must not be prohibited from using the restroom. However, AIMS K12 has the following guidelines in place to prevent students from abusing bathroom privileges: Except for cases of emergency, students should not use the restroom within the first and last 30 minutes of class. Students must also utilize their breaks and lunch periods and use the restroom during these times.
2. Students must sign in and out of the classroom when going to the restroom.
3. Inform the administrative assistant if the bathrooms are low or out of toilet paper, soap, paper towels, or toilet seat liners.
4. Students with medical related bathroom needs should complete a 504 plan with the school at their earliest convenience.

Administration of Medication

Students who need to take prescribed or over-the-counter medication during the school day may be assisted by designated school personnel or allowed to self-administer certain medication as long as it is in accordance with law, AIMS K12 policies, and administrative regulations.

It is necessary for the District to have a written statement from the student’s physician and a written statement from the student’s parent/guardian before (1) a designated employee administers or assists in the administration of any prescribed medication to any student; or (2) any student is allowed to carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine or prescription inhaled asthma medication during school hours.

It is vitally important that parents fill out new student medication forms every fall in order to have the most current medication information, as well as the current status of any health conditions. A separate form is required for each medication. Please contact the school office for the required forms. Update these forms should any of the information change during the school year.

Students who need to take prescribed or over-the-counter medication during the school day may be

assisted by designated school personnel or allowed to self-administer certain medication as long as it is in accordance with law, and/or AIMS Board policies. AIMS K12 students may receive their medications from the front office or the school nurse. It is necessary for AIMS K12 to have a written statement from the student's healthcare provider and a written statement from the student's parent/guardian before:

5. A designated employee administers or assists in the administration of any prescribed medication to any student; or
6. Any student is allowed to carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine or prescription inhaled asthma medication during school hours.
7. Single dose over-the-counter medication, such as aspirin, ibuprofen, or cough drops, may be given to students, with prior consent from parents.

Medical Emergencies

If your child is in need of minor first aid, it will be administered in accordance with District first aid training. If medical attention appears to be necessary, but not required immediately, the parent/guardian or other emergency contacts listed will be contacted to pick the child up. Should immediate medical attention be necessary, the school will call an ambulance. If a person is suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an anaphylactic reaction, trained school personnel may use an epinephrine auto-injector to provide emergency medical assistance. Every effort will be made to contact the parent or other emergency contact person(s).

Immunizations and Other Health Requirements

To be admitted to school, children must be fully immunized in accordance with the law. Children shall be excluded from school only as allowed by law.

If you need assistance or information on free clinics, call the Alameda County Immunization Project at 510-267-3230.

Parents are required to provide documentation that their child has been immunized against the following:

Kindergarten–12th grade

Polio

4 doses meet the requirement, or

3 doses for ages 4–6 years if at least 1 was given on or after the 4th birthday or

3 doses meet the requirement for ages 7-17 if 1 dose was given on or after the 2nd birthday

Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Tetanus (DPT)

5 doses meet the requirement, or

4 doses meet the requirement for ages 4–6 years if 1 dose was given on or after the 4th birthday, or

3 does meet the requirement for ages 7-17 if one dose was given on or after the 2nd birthday

Pertussis (Tdap)

1 dose given after 7th birthday is required for 7th grade students and students new to the district

in grades 8-12.

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)

2 doses meet the requirement; both must be given on or after the first birthday (one dose can be measles vaccine only; 1 dose must be MMR)

3 doses meet the require *Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)*

Hepatitis B

3 doses meet the requirement or 2 doses of 2-dose formulation meet the requirement for ages 11–15 (must be documented as a 2-dose formulation of Hepatitis B vaccine)

Varicella (chickenpox)

1 dose required in kindergarten through sixth grade (2010-2011 school year) or students under age 13 entering a California school for the first time, or

No dose is required if a physician or clinic has documented on the child's immunization card "had disease"

CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT POLICY

Weapons Policy:

Students, parents and teachers are forbidden to have weapons or look-alike weapons on campus.

Possession of a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, (including pellet-type guns) or other weapons such as pocket knives can carry severe disciplinary action up to permanent removal from AIMS K12.

The Federal Gun Free Safe Schools Act and California law prohibit the possession of firearms on school campuses. Pursuant to these laws, any student found in possession of a firearm will be subject to arrest and will be recommended for expulsion immediately.

Upon a finding that the student was in possession of a firearm, the school's governing board shall expel the student. The term of expulsion shall be one year.

Possession includes, but is not limited to, storage in lockers, purses, backpacks, or automobiles.

Smoke-free Environment Policy:

AIMS K12 maintains a smoke-free environment, so smoking, including the use of vaping devices is not allowed on campus. Students who engage in smoking on campus are subject to disciplinary action.

Alcohol/Drugs Policy:

AIMS believes the use of alcohol or other drugs adversely affects a student's ability to achieve academic success, is physically and emotionally harmful, and has serious social and legal consequences. For these reasons, these substances are prohibited on campus, and AIMS K12 will make every effort to assist students and families in reducing the use of these substances. AIMS perceives this effort to be an important step towards preventing violence, promoting school safety, and creating a disciplined environment conducive to learning.

Enforcement/Discipline:

The School Administrator or designee shall take appropriate action for violation of any of the policies concerning weapons, smoking, or possession, use or sale of alcohol and/or other drugs and related paraphernalia on school grounds, at school events, or in any situation in which the school is responsible for the conduct and well-being of students. School authorities may search students and school properties for the possession of alcohol and other drugs in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulations.

Students possessing, using or selling alcohol or other drugs or related paraphernalia at school or at a school event shall be subject to disciplinary procedures, including suspension or expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulations. Such students also may be referred to an appropriate rehabilitation program.

Confiscated Items Policy

Any and all Items that are not allowed according to AIMS K12 rules and policies will be confiscated. The administrators will keep the item until the parent/guardian comes to retrieve it. On the first confiscation, the student will receive one detention. On the second, they will receive an additional two. On the third, the student will receive an additional three detentions and in-house suspension.

Surveillance Cameras

For the safety of students and staff, surveillance cameras that include video only (no audio) are installed in several locations on AIMS K12 campuses. Surveillance cameras are not located inside any school bathrooms or locker rooms. Surveillance videos are viewed by school administrators and may also be viewed by police, as allowed by law, and used as evidence in disciplinary matters.

Suspension, Expulsion, and Involuntary Removal Policy

All schools within the AIMS family adhere to the following procedures with regard to student suspension, expulsion and involuntary removal. Though the AIMS K12 administration permits a certain level of discretion in determining the appropriate disciplinary actions on a case-by-case basis, all schools operate within certain parameters. Those parameters are outlined in this policy and are aligned with each of the school's charters.

A pupil may be suspended or expelled for acts that are enumerated herein and related to a school activity or school attendance that occur at any time, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

1. While on school grounds.
2. While going to or coming from school.
3. During the lunch period whether on or off the campus.
4. During, or while going to or coming from, a school-sponsored activity.

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

AIMS prohibits unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) against any student, employee, or other person participating in district programs and activities, including, but not limited to, those programs or activities funded directly by or that receive or benefit from any state financial assistance, based on the person's actual or perceived characteristics

of race or ethnicity, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital, pregnancy, or parental status, physical or mental disability, medical condition, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, or any other characteristic identified in Education Code 200 or 220, Government Code 11135, or Penal Code 422.55 or equity or compliance with Title IX, or based on his/her association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics (5 CCR 4610).

Complaint forms are available on the district webpage at aimsk12.org/ucp. You may contact the AIMS Ombudsperson via email ombudsperson@aimsk12.org or visit aimsk12.org/ombudsperson.