



Emergency Preparedness

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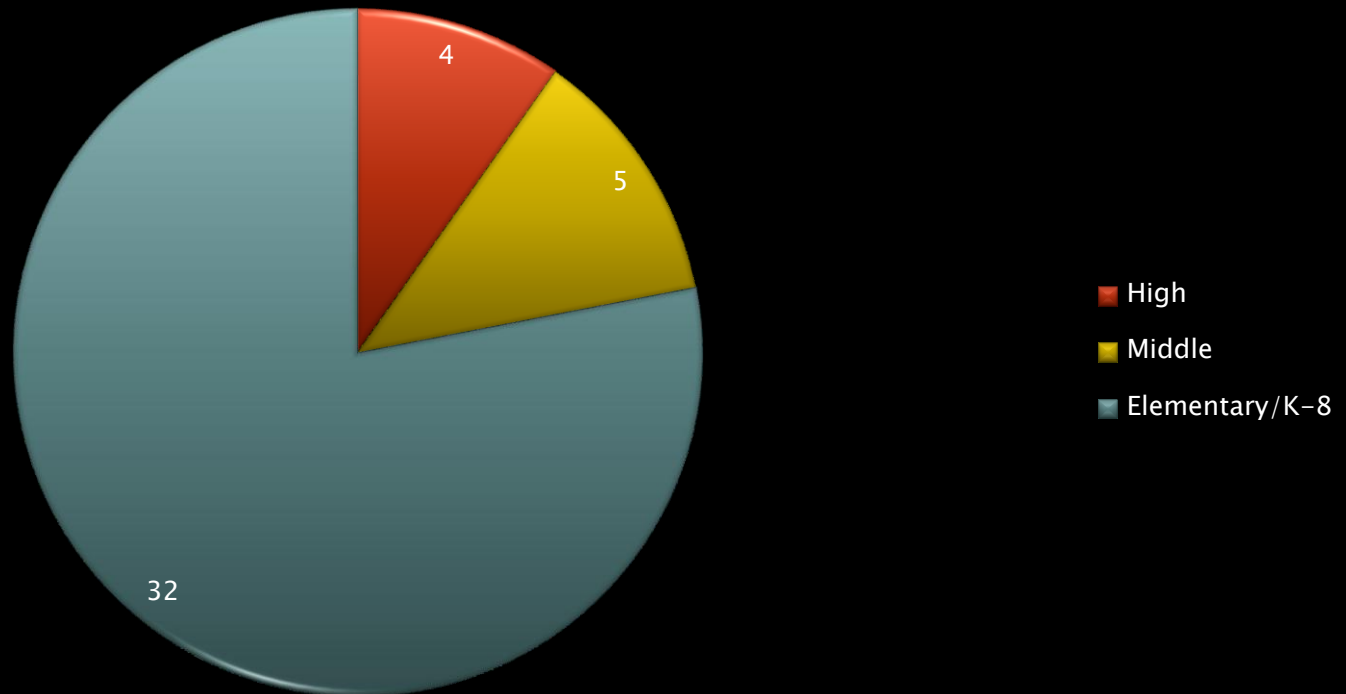
To ensure preparedness of schools in the event of an emergency/crisis situation by conducting live and simulated exercises at all sites.

Target

- A. 100% of schools will conduct a minimum of 1 live crisis mitigation exercise per year and a minimum of 2 simulated (table top) exercises per year.
- B. The school district will conduct a minimum of 1 centralized crisis mitigation exercise per year and a minimum of 2 simulated (table top) exercises per year.

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School Safety Site Surveys Completed



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What we have accomplished:

School Safety Site Surveys:

- ❖ The first School Safety Site Survey was done on December 5, 2012, before the Sandy Hook incident took place.
- ❖ To date, School Safety Site Surveys have been completed at 100% of all elementary and K-8 schools.
- ❖ School Safety Site Surveys have been completed at four (4) high schools, four (4) middle schools and two (2) charter schools.

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- ❖ Video Intercom System Installation has been completed in the main entrance of the remaining elementary and K-8 schools that were without electronic access control systems.
- ❖ All members of the Superintendent's Executive Board have completed training in NIMS 402—for Executives and Senior Officials.

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School Exercises

- 100% of schools completed two simulated (table top) exercises and one functional exercise for the FY 2012–13 school year.
- “Active Shooter” has been added to the scenarios for school preparedness

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What we are doing:

- ▶ Scenarios were developed to test various areas of sites' emergency plans
 - Hazardous Material Lockdown & Evacuation
 - Obstructed Exit Fire Drill
 - Severe Weather Warning
 - Riot
 - Missing Student
- ▶ Each site completed online training in advance of the exercises

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- ▶ Exercises were scheduled with coordination from the sites to minimize impact on classroom instruction
- ▶ Exercise observation criteria were developed based on Federal Emergency Management Agency/National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System Best Practices (ICS)

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Task Force:

Safe Schools Task Force was created to improve and update the district's Emergency Plans. The Task Force met for the first time on February 27, 2013 and includes local experts in different areas of emergency management. The Task Force met again on March 13. Their suggestions have been added to the district's Emergency Plans.

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Lessons Learned:

Exercises were confirmation that sites have developed the skills and confidence to utilize emergency protocols on their own and that emergency preparedness is becoming part of the culture at schools.

Continued training is necessary as administrators move to new sites and/or personnel new to administration are assigned to sites.

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- ▶ Sites continued good usage of their flip guides. Teams were well prepared in finding the links between classrooms displaying red cards to account missing staff and students
- ▶ Sites continue to utilize their Emergency Evacuation kits

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Action Items:

- ▶ Provide additional support and practice evacuations for schools having on-site construction
- ▶ Modify scenarios and use more multi-phase exercises
- ▶ Include outside observation at sites with camera systems
- ▶ Yearly participation in a community full-scale exercise

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Questions?