



**Knob Hill Elementary
Principal's Safety Assurance Statement
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San Marcos Unified School District**

"The Board shall approve the comprehensive district-wide and/or school safety plan(s) in order to ensure compliance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. At a minimum, the Board shall discuss both of the following: (Education Code 32288, 35294.8, 35294.21, 35294.22)"

Knob Hill Elementary School's Comprehensive Safe School Plan addresses the needs of the school and all students. It was developed and designed as a working document to ensure all procedures and policies, in regard to school/student safety, are followed appropriately. This plan incorporates a variety of issues ranging from child abuse policies to disaster preparedness plans. It also addresses issues such as sexual harassment, school-wide dress code, and safe and orderly environment. This document is available for all school personnel and parents to be viewed and used as needed.

The three essential components were addressed while writing the comprehensive school plan: Characteristics of Students and Staff, Physical Environment, and School Culture. In order to ensure that these essential components were addressed within the Comprehensive Safe School Plan, an analysis of each component was performed. During this analysis, each piece of the plan was analyzed and discussed by the school site council to see if it met one or more of the essential components. It was determined that the plan and each of its parts did meet the criteria of incorporating the essential components. At this time, the school site council of Knob Hill Elementary approved the plan.

Knob Hill's Comprehensive Safe School Plan ensures the three essential components for each student. The components are listed below, along with implemented programs and strategies that enforce student safety.

Characteristics of Students and Staff:

- Knob Hill Elementary is on the border of San Marcos and Escondido
- Our school serves approximately 760 students
- Students at Knob Hill represent a diverse population, including African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian and White (not Hispanic)
- All of our teachers are fully certificated and all have additional training in working with English Learners
- Our school mascot is the hawk
- Implementation of Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS), based on principles of applied behavior analysis and the prevention approach and values of positive behavior support.
- Grade level meetings and structured teacher planning time are held weekly for teachers to analyze student achievement and to plan differentiated instruction to support the needs of all learners.

Assuring a Safe Physical Environment

- The Knob Hill School Discipline Procedures are reviewed and communicated to staff, students and parents
- Disaster plan, procedures and drills are designed and rehearsed to ensure the safety of all students in the event of a disaster or armed intruder
- California Education Code and SMUSD Board Policies regarding behavior, suspensions and expulsions are communicated to students, parents and staff
- Mandated reporter policies on child abuse, dangerous students and sexual harassment are communicated to staff
- District and school procedures and policies related to COVID have been implemented

School Culture:

- Students at Knob Hill Elementary follow "The Hawk Way". The Hawk Way means that we follow our school expectations of being safe, respectful, and responsible
- Staff at Knob Hill have been trained in the implementation of Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS), based on principles of applied behavior analysis and the prevention approach and values of positive behavior support

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