



Santa Barbara SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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To: Dr. J. Brian Sarvis, Superintendent
From: Michael J. Gonzalez, Director of Student Services and Compliance
Subject: Report on Student Safety and After School Activities

Background:

In keeping with federal and state law, the mission statement of Santa Barbara School Districts includes as one of its core beliefs and commitments that the districts will maintain safe and orderly school environments for all students and employees. The Board charges school personnel with the responsibility of maximizing school safety by creating a positive learning environment that teaches strategies for violence prevention and emphasizes high expectations for student conduct, responsible behavior, and respect for others.

Operationally, each principal is charged with ensuring that the school site council at each district school write and develop a comprehensive school safety plan relevant to the needs and resources of that particular school.

The school safety plan takes into account the school's staffing, available resources and building design, as well as other factors unique to the site. Each plan seeks to address preparations needed in the event of fire, earthquakes, bomb threats, fallen aircraft, flood/mudslides/tidal waves, severe winds/tornado watch, chemical accidents/toxic fumes, safe routes to school, the prevention of drugs and alcohol, harassment including sexual harassment, and hate crimes.

Each school is required to review and update its safety plan by March 1 of each year and forward it to the Board for review for approval and ensure compliance with state and federal law, board policy and administrative regulation.

Of special concern is the ability to communicate with the parents and guardians of students in the event of disasters and emergencies. The districts have purchased a districtwide communication system-*Teleparent* that permits the districts to send parents a recorded message to their designated phones (landlines or cell phones).

As authorized by the California Education Code Section 32282 and Santa Barbara School Districts' Board Policy 3516, the Santa Barbara School Districts has granted the use of school buildings, grounds, and equipment to public agencies, including the American Red Cross, for mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare. The facilities at Dos Pueblos and San Marcos High Schools have been used as shelters for people and pets during the recent fires. In addition Government Code 3100 designates school employees as disaster service workers and are subject to disaster service activities assigned to them.

Adams Elementary School
Cesar Chavez Charter School
Cleveland Elementary School
Franklin Elementary School
Harding Elementary School

Home School Santa Barbara
McKinley Elementary School
Monroe Elementary School
Open Alternative School

Peabody Charter School
Roosevelt Elementary School
Santa Barbara Charter School
Santa Barbara Community Academy
Washington Elementary School

Goleta Valley Junior High School
La Colina Junior High School
La Cumbre Junior High School
Santa Barbara Junior High School

Alta Vista Alternative High School
Dos Pueblos High School
La Cuesta Continuation High School
San Marcos High School
Santa Barbara High School

California's Civic Center Act and Santa Barbara School Districts' Board Policy 1330 recognizes that school district facilities are a community resource and authorizes their use by community groups for purposes provided for in the Civic Center Act when such use does not interfere with school activities.

Fees for the use of districts facilities including classrooms, auditoriums, and fields are charged depending on the intended purpose of the use and the facility requested. A copy of the Civic Center Use permit process is attached.

Districts Response to Youth Violence Associated with Gangs

In response to the murder of a student on State Street in 2007, the districts partnered with the other educational and governmental entities along with key and community-based organizations to form the South Coast Gang Task Force. The Task Force is designed to direct staff and financial resources to combat the rise of youth violence especially gang violence on the south coast. Key to this effort is identifying and funding front line staff to work on gang intervention and prevention. Ideally, a gang outreach specialist would be assigned to every junior high, high school, and community/court school on the south coast. At the present time, there are six outreach specialists working with youths on probation with gang terms and conditions, and youth who are at risk of becoming involved with gangs. The districts hired an outreach coordinator/consultant in January 2009 and he began to work with at risk youth at district junior and high schools including Goleta Valley Junior High School, Dos Pueblos High School, and San Marcos High School. His work has contributed greatly to the security of these schools.

The remainder of this report summarizes school safety at three district schools: Goleta Valley Junior High School, San Marcos High School, and Dos Pueblos High School. The section labeled Goleta Valley Junior High School also includes information about the jointly sponsored after school activities program at Goleta Valley Junior High School and the other district junior high schools.

Goleta Valley Junior High School

Goleta Valley Junior High School (GVJHS), a National Blue Ribbon and a California Distinguished School is a 23.02 acre site located at 6100 Stow Canyon Road. It opened its doors in 1964 and currently serves 863 seventh and eighth grade students. Its student body primarily originates from seven of the Goleta Union School District's elementary schools: Brandon, Ellwood, El Camino, Isla Vista, Kellogg, La Patera, and Mountain View.

Led by Principal Veronica Rogers, GVJHS staff includes: 40 teachers, one librarian, three counselors, two assistant principals, five clerical workers, one health clerk, three custodians, one gardener, and one campus safety supervisor. Also housed on the campus are county special education instructional programs and the Santa Barbara Charter School.

The campus safety supervisor, three administrators, several teachers, and many parent volunteers supervise the students at Goleta Valley Junior High School before school, during lunch, and after school.

The students, staff, and neighbors work together to keep the school clean and free of graffiti and the promotion of a non-violent, drug-free environment. Staff and students are trained in non-discriminatory practices, and have tolerance-based activities throughout the year to promote a campuswide anti-bullying philosophy. Fire, earthquake, or lock down drills are held on a monthly basis. The GVJHS Emergency Response Team is a well trained disaster team designed to provide leadership and support in times of emergencies.

The school relies on the School Resource Officer provided by the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department for additional assistance when needed.

Junior High After School Activities Program

The Junior High School Sports program operates at four district junior high schools including Goleta Valley Junior High School. It is jointly sponsored by the City of Goleta, City of Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara Police Activities League (PAL), and the Santa Barbara School Districts. Funding for the program is provided through a Community Development Block Grant from the City of Goleta (\$8,381), the City of Goleta General Fund (\$15,000), City of Santa Barbara General Fund (\$20,000), and funds from the Santa Barbara School Districts (\$40,000). The Police Activities League staff is responsible for the coordination of the junior high school sports program. Fifty-five (55) GVJHS boys and girls are currently participating in two boy's soccer teams and one girl's basketball team as part of the first 12 week cycle. PAL provides the coaching staff for the teams, referees, and uniforms (including shoes and shin guards) for the participants. Each team plays an opposing junior high school team each week and utilize district facilities as well as the indoor gyms located at the Downtown Boys and Girls Club and Westside Boys and Girls Club. Each sport has a season ending tournament. Standards for participation include maintaining a "C" grade point average, turning in all homework, and regular attendance at practices.

An after school cross country program is also available at Goleta Valley Junior High school as well as other area junior high and elementary schools. Through a co-sponsorship agreement with Club West, Inc., the Parks and Recreation Department staff provides registration, coordination and transportation for 16 participants. The Club West Cross Country program recently held their cross country championships at Elings Park and over 70 runners from area elementary and junior high schools participated.

Dos Pueblos High School

Dos Pueblos High School (DPHS) was constructed in 1966 on a 40-acre site at 7266 Alameda Avenue in Goleta. Dos Pueblos was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2000 and as a California Distinguished School in 1988 and 1998. It currently serves 2,400 ninth through twelfth graders. The school's attendance boundary includes Goleta Valley Junior High School and approximately two-thirds of Goleta as well as the community of Isla Vista.

Led by Principal Mark Swantz, Dos Pueblos, the faculty includes: one hundred and six teachers, six counselors, three assistant principals, one administrative intern, an athletic director, one librarian and twenty-three support staff including a full time health assistant to assist students with medical needs.

The administrative team, along with their four campus safety assistants, and the assistance of teacher volunteers, provide student supervision before and after school and during the lunch period.

The safe school plan guides staff response to emergencies and disasters. Earthquake, fire, and lock-down drills are held on a regular basis. A full scale mock disaster drill is also conducted each year with law enforcement and fire department staff on hand to assist.

The administration, health clerk, campus safety assistants, custodians, grounds crew, and the front office staff are equipped with two-way radios for immediate communication in case of an incident. Administrators have two-way, direct-connect cell phones to expedite communication with the district office in the event of emergencies.

A deputy sheriff from the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department is assigned as a school resource officer and maintains a daily presence on campus.

Dos Pueblos High School Aquatics Center and Summer Swim Program

On July 20, 2007, the Elings Aquatic Center, named in honor of major donors Virgil Elings and Betty Wells was opened at DPHS. Measure V general obligation bond funds (\$1.3 million) and state matching bond funds (\$2.6 million) served as the cornerstone of the project. An additional \$2 million was garnered by the South Coast Community Aquatics Center, which received donations from the community including funds from Mr. Elings (\$1 million), Ms. Wells (\$500,000), and the Santa Barbara Education Foundation

(\$110,000 grant from the Santa Barbara Foundation). The donations enabled the Santa Barbara School Districts to expand the original plans from a 25 meter x 25 yard school pool to a 50 meter x 25 yard pool suitable for school and community aquatics use.

The Olympic-size pool was designed for competition-level water polo, swim meets, and community aquatics programs. The project included a new pool building, a new pool mechanical room, and outdoor showers. The pool building houses an office with a full view of pool activities, a ticket window, restrooms, and storage for pool equipment.

Viola Constructors, Inc., based in Oxnard, CA, was the contractor for this project; WLC Architects of Rancho Cucamonga was the project architect; and Hoffman Associates of San Luis Obispo provided on-site project management and inspection.

The aquatic center has permitted the expansion of the Summer Swim Program and now addresses swimming lessons for tiny tots, beginners, and novices as well as providing adult lap swimming. The summer swimming lesson program operates between 11:30-2:30 p.m., July 6th through August 14th, and consists of 8 half hour group lessons for a maximum of 5 children costing \$60. Four lanes are made available during the summer months for adult lap swimming at a cost of \$5 per day, \$50 for 11 days, and \$100 for a summer pass.

San Marcos High School

Established in 1958 on a 44.40-acre site, San Marcos High School (SMHS) is located at 4750 Hollister Avenue. It was recognized as a California Distinguished School in 2005 and it currently serves approximately 1,847 ninth through twelfth graders drawn primarily from La Cumbre and La Colina Junior High Schools.

Led by Principal Norm Clevenger, the faculty includes: eighty-one teachers, five counselors, four assistant principals, an athletic director, a community liaison, one librarian and seven-four support staff including a full time health assistant to assist students with medical needs.

Students are supervised by the five member administrative team and three campus safety supervisors and are equipped with two-way radios for emergency communications on site and cell phones for local and district communication. Teachers are paid to assist with lunch supervision and exit points. The Sheriff's Department has also assigned a full time resource officer to the campus.

As required, the school has a safe school plan that addresses school climates issues as well as the physical environment of the school. Safety exercises including fire and earthquake as well as lockdown drills are held regularly in coordination with local law enforcement and other public safety organizations.

School custodians address daily cleaning and maintenance needs. The Districts' maintenance team visits each campus regularly, according to a defined rotation schedule, and addresses specialized needs (e.g., painting, carpentry, etc.). In the event of a facility emergency at the school site, the District maintenance team responds on an immediate basis.

Lockdown at San Marcos High School on October 1, 2009

On the morning of October 1, 2009, an adult reported to school officials that it appeared to him that one of the four juveniles who had previously been arguing with individuals in a car at the Turnpike Shopping Center parking was holding a black gun in his hand and had entered the San Marcos High School campus.

School officials consulted with the School Resource Officer, and the school was immediately placed on lockdown. Over the next several hours, units from the Sheriff's Department and California Highway Patrol including a SWAT team came to school to insure the safety of students and staff, and investigate the

report. Working with witness and teachers, the four students were located and interviewed. When it was determined that students could be safely moved out of their classrooms under police escort to secured areas (gym or the theater) to access restrooms, food and water, the students were moved. When law enforcement was confident that students were no longer in danger, they were released in shifts to go home. Parents had been called to let them know that their students were soon to be released. Students' belongings, other than the keys to their vehicles, were left in the locked classrooms as it had not yet been determined if law enforcement needed to search backpacks, purses, etc.

A thorough investigation by law enforcement did determine that the suspected weapon was in fact, a black sports drink bottle, not a handgun. The administration, counselors, campus supervisors, faculty and staff worked alongside law enforcement to keep students calm, safe, and as comfortable as possible throughout the event.

Santa Barbara School Districts

Administrative Regulation

Community Relations

AR 1330

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Application for Use of Facilities

Any persons applying for the use of any school facility or grounds on behalf of any society, group, or organization shall present written authorization from the group or organization to make the application.

Persons or organizations applying for the use of school facilities or grounds shall submit a statement of information indicating that the organization upholds the state and federal constitutions and does not intend to use school premises to commit unlawful acts.

Civic Center Use

Subject to district policies and regulations, school facilities and grounds shall be available to citizens and community groups as a civic center for the following purposes: (Education Code 32282, 38131)

1. Public, literary, scientific, recreational, educational, or public agency meetings
2. The discussion of matters of general or public interest
3. The conduct of religious services for temporary periods, on a one-time or renewable basis, by any church or religious organization
4. Child care programs to provide supervision and activities for children of preschool and elementary school age

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

(cf. 6300 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

5. The administration of examinations for the selection of personnel or the instruction of precinct board members by public agencies
6. Supervised recreational activities including, but not limited to, sports league activities that are arranged for and supervised by entities, including religious organizations or churches, and in which youths may participate regardless of religious belief or denomination
7. A community youth center

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

8. Mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

9. A ceremony, patriotic celebration, or related educational assembly conducted by a veterans' organization.

A veterans' organization means the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, United Spanish War Veterans, Grand Army of the Republic, or other duly recognized organization of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, or marines of the United States, or any of their territories. (Military and Veterans Code 1800)

10. Other purposes deemed appropriate by the Board of Education.

The district may grant the use of school facilities on those days on which the public school is closed. (Education Code 37220)

(cf. 6115 - Ceremonies and Observances)

Restrictions

School facilities or grounds shall not be used for any of the following activities:

1. Any use by an individual or group for the commission of any crime or any act prohibited by law.
2. Any use which is inconsistent with the use of the school facility for school purposes or which interferes with the regular conduct of school or school work/
3. Any use which involves the possession, consumption, or sale of alcoholic beverages or any restricted substances, including tobacco use.

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

4. Any use which is discriminatory in the legal sense. No permit shall be granted to any individuals for any purpose which would discriminate against persons because of their race, color, or creed.

(cf. 0410 – Non discrimination in district programs and activities)

The district may exclude certain school facilities from non-school use for safety or security reasons.

Damage and Liability

Groups using school facilities pursuant to Education Code 38134 shall sign an agreement acknowledging the risk allocation provisions of Education Code 38134, which states, in pertinent part:

"Any school district authorizing the use of school facilities or grounds under subdivision (a) shall be liable for any injuries resulting from the negligence of the district in the ownership and maintenance of those facilities or grounds. Any group using facilities or grounds under subdivision (a) shall be liable for any injuries resulting from the negligence of that group during the use of those facilities or grounds. The district and groups shall each bear the cost of insuring against its respective risks and shall each bear the costs of defending itself against claims arising from those risks."

Groups, organizations, or persons using school facilities or grounds shall be liable for any property damages caused by the activity. The Board may charge the amount necessary to repair the damages and may deny the group further use of school facilities or grounds.

Groups or organizations shall provide the district with evidence of insurance against claims arising out of the group's own negligence. Groups or organizations shall also be required to include the district as an additional insured on their liability policies for claims arising out of the negligence of the group.

As permitted, the Superintendent or designee may require a hold harmless agreement and indemnification when warranted by the type of activity or the specific facility being used.

Timelines

The completed Application and Permit for Civic Center Use of Site Property and appropriate proof of insurance should be submitted to the Civic Center Office at least 15 working days prior to the requested use date.

Upon receipt of a completed application, the Civic Center Office will immediately forward the application to the site for confirmation of space availability and identification of required staff hours for the event.

Site administrators shall return the original copy of the Application and Permit for Civic Center Use of Site Property to the Civic Center Office within three working days to confirm the availability of space and the identification of required staff hours for the event.

Upon receipt of the Civic Center permit from the site indicating space availability and required hours, the Civic Center Office shall assign fees and contact the applicant for payment. Upon receipt of payment for all fees an approval letter will be furnished or mailed to the applicant within three working days. Upon receipt of the Civic Center Permit from the site indicating space or staff non-availability, the Civic Center Office shall mail a letter to the applicant within two working days.

Schedule of Fees for Use of School Property

Under the Civic Center Act, fees shall be charged in accordance with the Board adopted Civic Center Rate Schedule. The Civic Center Rate Schedule is based on the following categories of activities:

Free Use (excluding application fee; including applicable custodial fees)

- Meetings of Santa Barbara School Districts' employee organizations whose membership is composed solely of district employees.
- Agencies covered in a joint use agreement or memorandum of understanding.
- Governmental agency requests for special public meetings and polling.
- PTA/PTO and Board approved fundraisers.
- PTA/PTO-sponsored activities for youth.
- Meetings of Santa Barbara School Districts parent-teachers' associations, school-community advisory councils, and foundations.
- Santa Barbara School Districts alumni association meetings.
- Training and testing for law enforcement agency personnel when the agency provides school resource officers.
- Except for uses governed by Education Code 38134, Subdivision (d) and (e) for which mandatory fees are specified, any other special usage judged by the Superintendent to advance the educational goals and/or programs of the district for which fees would not be appropriate.

Direct Cost Use

- Nonprofit organizations, clubs or associations organized to promote activities for school aged children when the activity involves student participation.
- Public, literary, scientific, recreational, educational, or public agency meetings
- The discussion of matters of general or public interest
- Child care or day care programs to provide supervision and activities for children of preschool and elementary school age
- The administration of examinations for the selection of personnel or the instruction of precinct board members by public agencies
- A community youth center
- Supervised recreational activities including, but not limited to, sports league activities for youths that are arranged for and supervised by entities, including religious organizations or churches, and in which youths may participate regardless of religious beliefs or denomination
- Conduct of religious services for temporary periods, on a one-time or renewable basis, by any church or religious organization that has no suitable meeting place for the conduct of the services
- Nonprofit organizations, clubs or associations organized to promote activities for school aged children and/or adults will be charged 1.5 times the Direct Fee rate (rounded) when the activity involves non school aged children.

Fair Market Value Use

- Use other than the categories described above for free and direct cost use.
- Entertainment or meetings where admission fees are charged or contributions are solicited and the net receipts are not expended for the welfare of the students of the district.

Schedule of Fees for Use of School Property

- A \$29 application fee is required of all permits applications. (Refundable if not approved).
- As a condition of auditorium use for rehearsal and/or a performance which requires the use of stage lighting and sound systems, the applicant must satisfy the site administration that the group has staff or has hired a person or persons with sufficient demonstrated knowledge and expertise to operate the sound and light equipment. At certain sites, as a condition of approval, a site theater manager for specialty services assistance may be required.
- Specialty Services Assistance (kitchen, etc.) is \$36 per hour in addition to fees noted below.
- Applicable custodial fees are \$30 per hour in addition to fees noted below.
- All fees are per hour unless noted otherwise.
- The district does not issue refunds on unused rental hours or services.

	Location	Direct Fee	Fair Market
Classroom	All	\$12	\$46
Auditorium	Elementary	\$29 <i>For recreation league use, \$58 per team per season</i>	\$69
	La Colina/Goleta Valley	\$58	\$115
	La Cumbre	\$86	\$173
	High School	\$115	\$230
Cafeteria	Elementary	\$23	\$58
	Elementary w/kitchen	\$46	\$81
	Secondary	\$40	\$72
	Secondary w/kitchen	\$63	\$114
Athletic Field	Adult Use	\$23	\$46
	Elementary age	\$6 <i>For recreation league use, \$115 per team per season</i>	\$23
	Secondary age	\$12 <i>For recreation league use, \$230 per team per season</i>	\$46
Swimming Pool Lifeguard services are not provided but are required.	25 yd x 25 m	\$29	\$173
	25 yd x 38 m	\$44	\$259
	25 yd x 50 m	\$58	\$345
	Additional with lights	\$29	\$58
<i>Fee may be equally shared for use by two organizations (same time period).</i>			
Parking Lot		\$12 or \$69 per day	\$29 or \$173 per day
Outdoor Basketball Courts group of courts per site		\$6 or \$35 per day <i>For recreation league use, \$29 per team per season</i>	\$29 or \$173 per day
Outdoor Tennis Courts group of courts per site		\$12 or \$69 per day <i>For recreation league use, \$58 per team per season</i>	\$58 or \$345 per day
Band or Specialty Room		\$29	\$58
High School Gymnasium		\$58	\$115
La Cumbre Track		\$12	\$46
High School Stadium		\$58	\$173
	Additional with lights	\$115	\$173
	Additional amount for DPHS and SMHS tracks	\$29 <i>Track can be rented w/o stadium for practice</i>	\$115

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