PALO VERDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD POLICY

Emergency Response Plan

Reference: Education Code Sections 32280 et. seq and 71095; Government Code Sections 3100 and 8607(a); Homeland Security Act of 2002; National Fire Protection Association 1600; Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5; Executive Order S-2-05; 19 California Code of Regulations (CCR) Sections 2400-2450.

The Superintendent/President shall establish procedures that ensure that the District implements a plan to be activated in the event of an emergency, or the occurrence of a natural disaster or hazardous condition. This plan must comply with the National Incident Management System (NIMS), the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and should incorporate the functions and principles of the Incident Command System (ICS) and any other relevant programs. The plan must incorporate NIMS and SEMS to facilitate the coordination between and among agencies in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

Compliance with the NIMS and SEMS mandates include but are not limited to:

- Establishing a disaster preparedness procedures or plan; and
- Completion of training sessions by college personnel in compliance with NIMS and SEMS guidelines
 - Training requirements vary based on job titles or assigned roles within the emergency plan.

College personnel must be informed that as public employees, they are also disaster service workers during national, state and local emergencies. The District must ensure that its employees are in compliance with the disaster service worker oath requirements.

The Superintendent/President should ensure that a team is created to carry out compliance with NIMS and SEMS mandates. The responses to emergencies or natural disasters are organized by SEMS into five categories: field response, local government, operational areas, regions and state.

The plan should contain information regarding activation and chain of command responsibilities. Compliance with NIMS mandates requires planning and incorporation for all phases of emergency management including mitigation and prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. The District must ensure that its disaster plan is updated regularly. Colleges must comply with NIMS and SEMS to receive federal or state funding.

See Administrative Procedure 3505

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