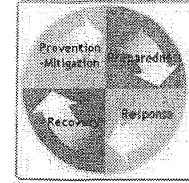




West Contra Costa Unified School District Disaster Preparedness and Safety



The West Contra Costa Unified School District is committed to the safety and security of all students and staff. Disaster preparedness and safety procedures have been updated at every site. Each classroom, school office, and student use areas are equipped with classroom emergency guides outlining general emergency procedures. All school sites hold regular emergency drills.

WCCUSD has implemented an Emergency Information Portal (ERIP) that provides schools with best practice emergency plans and a web-based application for plan development and maintenance. It provides a common framework for planning which will assist school safety teams with vulnerability assessments and risk management. In addition, it makes school emergency plans accessible through the internet and on smart phones, laptops and similar devices. ERIP will make the plans not only accessible to school officials and their safety teams but also to first responders.

The district's disaster and preparedness plans are premised on the following four fundamental phases:

- ... **Prevention and mitigation** – conducting vulnerability assessments at each of the district's sites to identify and attempt to correct preventable hazards (broken locks, compromised doors, etc.)
- ... **Preparedness** – develop all hazards plans and procedures to natural and manmade disasters and emergencies, in collaboration with first responders (fire, police, etc.), to minimize damage to life and property and testing plans and procedures through routine drills.
- ... **Response** – the district and first responders taking collaborative action (s) based on the respective plans and procedures in the district and local jurisdictions.
- ... **Recovery** – the restoration of learning in the district, the process of healing while returning to a new level of normalcy following a disaster or emergency and providing resources and services to students, staff and families as available.

The district's website for disaster preparedness and safety will be updated periodically with information that will be useful for both school and home.

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