



LA COSTA MEADOWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Comprehensive Safety Plan

On October 6, 1997, Governor Wilson signed Senate Bill 187, Chapter 736 of the statutes into law. The bill referred to as the Comprehensive School Safety Plan Act, requires each school district to ensure that all its schools write a Comprehensive School Safety Plan. La Costa Meadows Elementary School's Safety Plan is a document to be used by the school to ensure the safety of all students, staff, and visiting community members. This plan was developed and approved by the La Costa Meadows School Site Council in September of this year.

The essential components addressed within this plan are listed below and include procedures and programs that are currently in place at La Costa Meadows Elementary.

CHARACTERISTICS OF STUDENTS AND STAFF:

- Structured Teacher Collaboration Time/Staff Development/Training in identified areas.
- Certificated, Classified, and Support Staff work collaboratively to maintain healthy school culture.
- Professional Book Clubs/Article reviews with Staff/Newsletters to staff and families.
- The Student Intervention and Student Study Team provides emotional, behavioral, and educational assistance for students considered at risk.
- Students receive awards for academic achievements, citizenship, attendance, and effort.
- Student programs such as our Character Education Program, Safety Patrol, Student Council, Reading Incentive, Academic and Behavior interventions and Running Club provide students the opportunity to develop strength of character and responsibility skills.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT:

- Visitors to La Costa Meadows sign in/out on our computer system and must wear visitor badges.
- Student check-in/check-out procedures are clearly posted and adhered to.
- School Discipline Procedures are communicated to students and parents at the start of each new school year in writing with our Rules Matrix and on our website.
- Evacuation procedures are posted in all classrooms and staff is trained on procedures. Monthly drills are implemented.
- Signs indicating school rules and Living the Dolphin Way are posted throughout the school.
- Mandated reporting policies on child abuse, bullying, dangerous students, and sexual harassment are presented to the staff at the beginning of the school year.

SCHOOL CULTURE:

- Our current and reflective Mission Statement
- Our character education program and monthly flag salute presentations address Kindness and Gratitude. Student citizens are recognized for their kind acts at school.
- Red Ribbon Week/Kindness Challenge Week/Earth Week reinforce character, school culture, and resiliency skills.
- Our school embraces 21st century learning through the use of technology, and has One on One technology program at grades 3-5.
- Our school psychologist, school social worker and support staff, offer social skills groups, Friendship Zones, and Dolphin Diner to children in need.
- The La Costa Meadows Leadership Team, Grade Level Teams, and Committee Teams meet several times during the school year to ensure the students' safety, emotional, and academic needs are met.
- La Costa Meadows enjoys an active PTO that focuses all decision-making, activities, and resources toward all children's well being contributing to a positive school culture.

The La Costa Meadows Elementary Safe Schools Plan is a working document that helps create a well-rounded environment where children can feel safe and secure.

Sincerely,


Mandy Bedard