

Laws that Govern Safety in Public Schools

Nevada Senate Bill 205 (SB 205): SB 205 requires the development of a model plan for the management of a crisis or emergency incident that involves public or private schools. It requires that the plan includes response to emergency incidents and updates NRS relative to school emergency management. SB 205 has been codified to create sections of NRS Chapter 388.

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS): NRS Chapter 388, subsections 388.229 – 388.261, address crises and emergency response in public schools as they are applicable to school emergency operations planning and training.

NRS 388.247 – formation of school committees

NRS 388.243 – standardized emergency operations plan for the district

NRS 388.245 – requires a yearly update of the EOP and requires districts to provide yearly training

NRS 388.450 – requires drills and posting of escape routes. Requires at least half of the drills to include lockdown and fire drills which need to be approved by the local fire department.

NRS 388.259 – protects the confidentiality of the EOP

Emergency Operations Plan (EOP): A standardized plan which addresses all emergency incidents, manmade or natural, which may be encountered by a school district. An EOP provides a uniformed response to all hazards which may be encountered. The EOP must address key elements and should contain hazard specific annexes as outlined in the FEMA Guide for High Quality School Emergency Operations Plans.

Safe to Tell: Defined in NRS 388.1453 and establishes an anonymous reporting tool established by the Office for Safe and Respectful Learning Environment. The program is being implemented in two phases; cohort one is in full operation and cohort two is currently in training and will be in full implementation by the upcoming school year, if not sooner.

Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment: created as part of the 78th legislative session (2015). This session included SB 504 which modified Nevada's anti-bullying laws highlighting the importance of safe and respectful learning environments, as well as SB 515 which provided approximately \$17 million introducing Social Workers in Schools, administered under the Office for SRLE.

Provisions of Safe and Respectful Learning Environment (NRS 388-121 – NRS 388.1327): Codified language which provides definitions of bullying, cyber-bullying and electronic communication. In addition, prescribes duty of board of trustees, administrators and teacher to create a safe and respectful learning environment, as well as creating the Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment and prescribing the creation and allocation of funding.

Superintendent Requests for District-Wide Supports

- Increased funding for School Based Law Enforcement Officers
 - Clark and Washoe operate their own police departments
 - The 15 rural locations, for those that have them, utilize a SRO format
- Increased Funding for Mental Health Services/Social/Workers
 - Post Secondary Opportunities for Mental Health Professionals
 - Community Health Worker Opportunities for Students – CTE Programming
- Assistance for Infrastructure upgrades
 - Security cameras
 - ID systems,
 - Perimeter fencing

Note: The Nevada Plan does not provide funding for facilities or maintenance. Funding for school buildings and facilities is the responsibility of local school districts and is defined in NRS 387.328 and 387.335.