



El Rancho Charter School School Safety Information and Emergency Procedures

El Rancho Charter School, in accordance with the Orange Unified School District, community members, local law enforcement, local fire departments, and the Orange County Emergency Management Division, has established an Earthquake/Emergency Operations Plan (eEOP). The eEOP was written in compliance with the Standardized Emergency Management Systems (SEMS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). SEMS and NIMS provide a consistent template across all levels of federal, state, and local agencies to ensure that disasters are handled in an efficient and effective manner. The plan encompasses all school related incidents (e.g. earthquake, fire, unidentified persons on campus, wildfires).

In the event of an emergency, the eEOP will be activated and ERCS will begin implementation of the plan. Regardless of the situation, the following are components of El Rancho's eEOP.

- Students will be kept on campus or at the off-campus location (Eucalyptus Park or Canyon High School) until they are released to a parent/guardian or authorized adult.
- Campus will be secured, students accounted for, and released through an established protocol at designated locations.
- Pursuant the California Emergency Services Act, all public employees are considered disaster service workers and must remain at school to fulfill their responsibilities.
- ERCS staff members are CPR and First Aid certified.
- Search and rescue duties are assigned to a team at El Rancho and have been prepped on their responsibilities and duties.

Create a Family Emergency Plan

Preparing for a disaster is something that many people do not take the time to think about or act upon. Disasters strike without warning and often require swift and immediate action. Preparation is the best defense for disasters, and it is better to be over prepared. The following steps have been modified from the Rothstein Catalog on Disaster Recovery.

1. Identify potential disasters in your area (e.g. wildfires).
2. Create a family disaster plan that addresses the potential risks.
 - a. Discuss each potential disaster and what to do in each situation.
 - b. Pick two places to meet. One place should be for immediate dangers like a fire, and the other should be a location outside of the neighborhood.
 - c. Identify an out-of-town friend or family member to be your contact if communication becomes difficult among family members.

For a more comprehensive summary of creating a family disaster plan, please visit:

<http://www.disastercenter.com/guide/family.htm>
<http://www.ready.gov>