



# Bridgewater - Emery School District 30-3

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## **Section 1: Crisis Management Overview**

### **Section 1.1 – Crisis Management Summary**

#### **1.1.A Purpose**

The purpose of the Crisis Management Policy is to act as a guide for the school district, building administrators, school employees, students, school board members, and community members to address a wide range of potential crisis situations in the school district. The step-by-step procedures suggested by this policy will provide guidance to both the Bridgewater-Emery Elementary School and the Bridgewater-Emery Middle School/High School before, during, and after any emergency or potential crisis.

Crisis management is a continuous process. The information provided in the handbook should be viewed as a working document that should be reviewed and updated on a yearly basis, also as best practices in crisis intervention change and as new situations arise.

#### **1.1.B Goals**

The primary goals of this plan are to:

- Develop effective crisis and security protocols that will promote the safety and welfare of students and school staff, protect school property, and regulate the operation of the schools during a crisis incident, critical incident or medical emergency.
- Prepare students and school staff to take appropriate actions in response to a natural, technological, or school specific hazard.
- Provide parents and community stakeholders with the policies, guidelines, and procedures that schools will be utilizing during an emergency.

#### **1.1.C What is a Crisis?**

A crisis is a time of intense difficulty, trouble, or danger. Crises range in scope and intensity from incidents that directly or indirectly affect a single student to ones that impact the entire community. Crises can happen before, during, or after school and on or off school campuses. The definition of a crisis varies with the unique needs, resources, and assets of a school and community. Staff and students may be severely affected by an incident in another city or state.



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