



SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL KNIGHTS

Empowering personal growth and honorable contributions of all Knights

Principal's Safety Assurance Statement 2022-2023

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San Marcos High School's comprehensive safety plan is put into place to ensure the safety of all students and staff, as well as to create and maintain a positive, nurturing school climate.

San Marcos High School works hard to create a safe day-to-day environment, due to the strong commitment of its staff, students and community. Nevertheless, the random acts of violence in our nation's schools remind us that no community is totally free of risk and thus we cannot be complacent in our efforts to make our school a safer place.

The goal of San Marcos High School is to connect every student to the school community through a positive and nurturing school climate free of drugs, violence, intimidation, harassment, and fear, while providing connections for students who feel isolated or are experiencing problems. In order to accomplish this task, all stakeholders must work together to create an environment where students and staff truly feel connected to each other and to the school as a whole.

Establishing a safe school plan is a long-term, systematic and comprehensive process, and it is my goal as Principal to pledge my commitment and support to safety first -for students, staff, and community. The San Marcos High School administrative team and our School Resource Officer, Erik Herrera, will monitor our progress throughout the school year to ensure compliance with the California Education Code, along with our Governing Board policies and site administrative procedures.

We realize that a safe school provides students with several options before, during, and after school both in academics and extracurricular activities. We work hard with our staff, community, and other agencies to provide opportunities and services to all our students. We have and will continue to implement several programs that address co and extra-curricular activities which include but are not limited to Knight Zone after-school activities, No Place for Hate School activities, restorative practices, clubs & organizations, tutoring & mentoring, counseling, at-risk intervention, gang-diversion, ELAC, access to the school social worker and psychologists, access to the school resource officer, campus supervisors, intervention groups, student ambassador and leadership groups.

The San Marcos High administration and staff share a common vision for campus safety; we expect all staff to make contact with students on a daily basis in an effort to build rapport. We believe that every student interaction is an opportunity to build rapport and have a positive impact on his or her life. We are continually challenging our staff and community in order to make a positive difference in the lives of all of our students as we continue to empower personal growth & honorable contributions at San Marcos High School.

Respectfully,

Adam Dawson
Principal, San Marcos High School