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Klamath County School Districts number one priority is the safety of our students, staff, and visitors. With this in mind, we have taken preventative measures in all of our schools and facilities to develop Emergency Operational Plans (EOP) to identify and practice our response to threats and hazards that could occur in our facilities.

The process to develop EOP's was in place during the 2015-16 school year and continued through the summer when Klamath County School District sent a Safety Advisory Team comprised of staff from a variety of schools to a summer training and planning conference. The team returned and helped to develop the framework the district used to create our EOP's. Each school/facility worked with their safety teams or leadership teams to develop responses to a variety of threats and hazards that could impact the students, staff, and visitors to their school or facility. This included prevent measures, response procedures, steps to lower the impact of the threat/hazard, and planning for the support that might be needed after an event has impacted the facility.

Klamath County School District used resources developed by FEMA (*Federal Emergency Management Agency*) and NIMS (*National Incident Management System*) as a guide to assist each school in developing their plan. As an additional step, KCSD worked in partnership with the Klamath County Emergency Management office and local first responders and conducted table-top active shooter exercises at all district locations to assist in building a background knowledge base of the depth of hazards and how to respond. As the EOP's were completed, a multi-layer review process of each plan took place led by the KCSD Safety Office. After review, the plans were returned to the school/facility to review suggested changes and resubmit a completed plan.

Currently plans are in place in the schools and they are practicing and adjusting their responses to potential threats and hazards on a regular basis. The EOP for schools will be continuously updated as needed or as improved methods are introduced and determined.

If you have questions on the EOP for a specific facility, you should contact the Principal or facility Supervisor with your questions.