

Program Description

What Is School Emergency Management Planning (SEMP)?

Lessons learned from school emergencies such as the tragic events of Sandy Hook, highlight the importance of preparing school officials and first responders to develop and implement **emergency operations plans (EOPs)**. By having plans in place to keep **students** and **staff safe**, schools play a key role in taking **preventative** and **protective measures** to *stop* an emergency from occurring OR *reduce* the impact of an incident.

Although schools are not traditional response organizations, when a school-based emergency occurs, school personnel respond immediately. They provide first aid, notify response partners and provide instructions *before* first responders arrive. They also work with their community partners and governmental organizations that have a responsibility identified in the school EOP to provide a cohesive, coordinated response to events as they unfold. Community partners include first responders – law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical services (EMS) and emergency management personnel, as well as public and mental health entities.

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SEMP supports efforts by local education agencies (LEAs) to **create**, **strengthen** and **improve** emergency management plans at the district and school-building levels, including training school personnel on emergency management procedures; communicating with parents about emergency plans and procedures; and coordinating with local law enforcement, public safety or emergency management, public and mental health agencies and local government. Grants are awarded through the *Grants to States for School Emergency Management Planning* program.

Local schools need to be prepared to **respond to** and **meet** the challenges of **natural** or **man-made emergencies** or **disaster events**. In collaboration with local **government** and **community partners**, schools can take steps to **plan** for these potential emergencies through the creation of a school EOP – school-based planning that *specifically addresses* the development of **all-hazards**, **high-quality** emergency operations planning.

To ensure *every* student, teacher and school employee is in a safe and secure facility and prepared to respond in the event of an emergency or disaster incident, Act 313 of the 2001 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session **mandates** that all **elementary** and **secondary** public schools **prepare**, **maintain** and **exercise** a *Crisis Management and Response Plan*.

Today those plans are known as *High-Quality Emergency Operations Plans* or High-Quality EOPs. The ultimate **goal** is to **ensure** school and campus **safety** and the **appropriate response** from onscene staff in the event of an emergency or disaster.



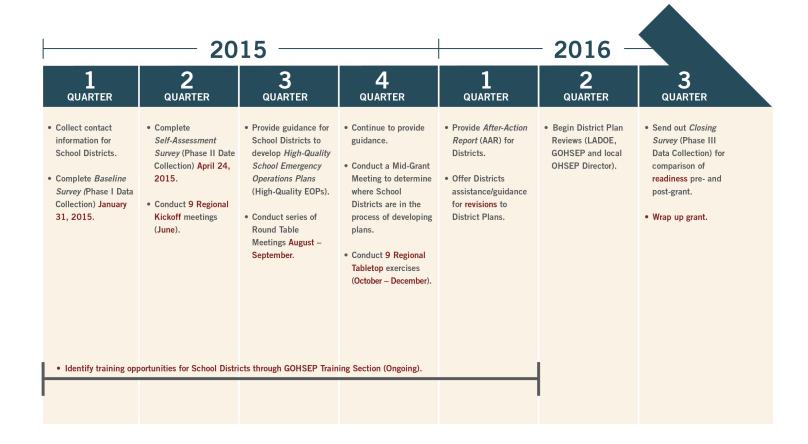


LOUISIANA TOOLKIT FOR DEVELOPING HIGH-QUALITY SCHOOL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANS (HIGH-QUALITY EOP TOOLKIT)

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Activities Timeline

SCHOOL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (SEMP) ACTIVITIES TIMELINE







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9 Regional Statewide KickOff Workshops

Date	Region	Time	Location
June 2, 2015	2	10:00a-11:30a	Dalton Woods Auditorium LSU Center for Energy Studies Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803
June 8, 2015	1	10:00a-11:30a	Bonnabel High School 2801 Bruin Drive Kenner, Louisiana 70065
June 10, 2015	9	10:00a-11:30a	Tangipahoa Parish Environmental Services 15485 West Club Deluxe Road Hammond, Louisiana 70403
June 16, 2015	3	10:00a-11:30a	St. Charles Sheriff's Office 260 Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway Luling, Louisiana 70070
June 17, 2015	4	10:00a-11:30a	Abdallah Hall 635 Cajundome Boulevard Lafayette, Louisiana 70506
June 18, 2015	5	10:00a-11:30a	Calcasieu Parish Emergency Operations Center (EOC) 901 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 200 Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601
June 23, 2015	6	10:00a-11:30a	Mega Shelter 8125 Highway 71 South Alexandria, Louisiana 71302
June 24, 2015	8	10:00a-11:30a	Ouachita Parish Fire Training 1000 New Natchitoches Road West Monroe, Louisiana 71292
June 25, 2015	7	10:00a-11:30a	Bossier Sheriff's Office Sub-Station 2510 Viking Drive Bossier City, Louisiana 71111





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