

School Elopement Safety Plan

A template for parents and school teams. Bring this to your next IEP, 504, or school safety meeting.

1 STUDENT INFORMATION

Student name _____ Grade _____

Teacher _____ Classroom / room # _____

Diagnosis / relevant notes _____

Communication: ☐ Verbal ☐ Nonverbal ☐ Uses AAC / device ☐ Visuals / picture cards

2 ELOPEMENT HISTORY

Has the student eloped before? Where from? What was happening right before?

3 KNOWN TRIGGERS

Check all that commonly come before elopement for this student.

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| ☐ Transitions between activities | ☐ Loud environments |
| ☐ Fire drills / alarms | ☐ Unstructured time (e.g. recess) |
| ☐ Being told "no" | ☐ Sensory overload |

Other _____

Early warning signs staff may notice first _____

4 ATTRACTIONS AND LIKELY DESTINATIONS

If the student runs, where would they go?

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| ☐ Water (pond, pool, fountain, ditch) | ☐ Roads / vehicles / parking lot |
| ☐ Playground | ☐ A specific fixation (below) |

Specific place / object of fixation _____

Nearest water to the school _____

5 PREVENTION STRATEGIES

Seating position away from doors

Warning before transitions (how much time, what signal)

Designated safe space (where, how the student gets to it)

Adult proximity during high-risk times

6 STAFF RESPONSE PROTOCOL IF THE STUDENT ELOPES

- 1 Nearest adult follows the student while a second adult alerts the office. **Never leave the student unobserved to go get help.**
- 2 If the student is out of sight, **the office calls 911 right away and staff check the nearest water at the same time.** There is no waiting period for a missing child. (911 works in the US and Canada.)
- 3 The office calls the parent or guardian, using the notification chain below.

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7 NOTIFICATION CHAIN

NAME	PHONE	NOTIFY WHEN
Emergency services	911	Right away, if the student is out of sight
Parent / Guardian 1		
Parent / Guardian 2		

8 AGREEMENT

We have reviewed this plan together and agree to put it in place as part of the student's support at school.

Parent / Guardian Date

Teacher Date

Principal / Administrator Date