



## Irvine Unified School District

### ***Non-District Swimming Pool Safety Protocol***

The Irvine Unified School District developed this safety protocol to provide guidance on school supported water activities at non-District owned swimming pools.

School sites supporting water activities shall follow the minimum established safety protocol outlined in this document. No employee or District representative shall allow any water activity to occur in a non-District owned swimming pool unless the specified safety protocol is satisfied.

Nothing in this safety protocol shall prevent an employee or District representative from implementing further safety precautions that may be necessary because of the unique swimming pool facility.

#### **Non-District Swimming Pool - Safety Protocol Checklist**

1. Schools coordinating or supervising school supported water activities shall ensure all District field trip guidelines are followed, including but not limited to, parent or guardian permission forms on file with the school prior to students entering the water.
2. While pool operators are responsible for providing safety and first aid equipment, employees and/or District representatives shall confirm that the following safety and first aid equipment is readily visible and available on the pool deck.
  - A life ring with an attached throw rope
  - A fixed-length rescue pole with a permanently attached body hook
  - Automated External Defibrillator (AED) unit (required at public swimming pools)
3. To ensure appropriate swimmer supervision, a lifeguard shall be on duty at all times when the pool is in use. The primary lifeguard must be 18+ years of age with secondary lifeguards 16+ years of age. Lifeguards shall possess a current American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Certificate or its equivalent certificate. To determine the required number of lifeguards, schools shall refer to the Orange County Fire Authority's recommended ratio below.
4. For an added level of safety, best practice supports an adult observer to provide supplemental supervision of water activities. An observer is responsible to actively watch swimmers above and below the waterline, ensure the number of swimmers in the pool do not exceed the lifeguard-to-swimmer ratio, to help maintain safety on the pool deck, and point out areas of danger to the lifeguard. To determine the required number of observers, schools shall refer to the Orange County Fire Authority's recommended ratio below.

1 – 25	Swimmers in the Pool	1 Lifeguard	1 Observer
26 – 50	Swimmers in the Pool	2 Lifeguards	2 Observers
51 – 75	Swimmers in the Pool	3 Lifeguards	3 Observers
76 – 100	Swimmers in the Pool	4 Lifeguards	4 Observers

I have read, understand my responsibilities, and received a copy of the *Swimming Pool Safety Protocol*.

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*Signature*

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*Print Name*

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*Date*