

Teacher Guide

The Teacher Guide provides the step by step instructional format for the curriculum.

Student Notebook

The Student Notebook is designed to develop students' knowledge on hazards within their communities and ways in which they can be prepared.

Family Readiness Guide

This guide compliments the Preparedness Ambassador curriculum and covers important aspects relating to disaster preparedness for your family, your home, and your community. The guide includes:

- Space to write down important contacts and establishing a communication plan.
- Space to develop a floorplan of your home/property and locations of important features.
- Evacuation and shelter-in-place information as well as information on what do if separated from loved ones.
- Information regarding specific hazards prevalent in the state and how to prepare and react to each.
- Important resources such as where to sign up for alerts and warning as well as items you should keep on hand in the event of an emergency.



Use your smart device to scan the QR Code above to download your copy of the Family Readiness Guide.

For more information regarding the Preparedness Ambassadors Program visit [www.caloes.ca.gov/
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PREPAREDNESS AMBASSADORS

**Disaster Preparedness
for California's
Fourth Graders**



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Introduction

The State of California needs your help! Disasters such as wildfires, floods, and earthquakes can occur in every part of our state. The sad truth is many people are not ready, nor do they know what to do to be safe. In order to help make our communities safer, we are asking teachers and fourth grade students throughout California to help us by becoming a Preparedness Ambassador.

Preparedness Ambassadors is a statewide program designed to engage 4th grade students to develop and promote disaster preparedness guidelines for their homes, schools, and local communities.

The Preparedness Ambassadors program was created by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) in partnership with the Sacramento County Office of Education, the California Department of Education, and CalRecycle.



Currently there are over 456,000 fourth graders in California. By becoming Preparedness Ambassadors, students will take a journey into the disaster experiences of their community.

Like a **detective**, they will gather community disaster stories and be strategic in mapping where, when, and how they occurred. Like a **scientist**, they will dig deep into case studies and find out how people reacted to specific disasters.

Like a **safety manager**, they will create guidelines that inform the community how to be better prepared for those disasters. And like a **hero**, they will take action to prepare their home, school, and community for the next disaster.

By being a disaster detective, scientist, safety manager, and hero, students can be a Preparedness Ambassador for their entire community. Cal OES has selected a lead hero to help students on this journey. That hero is teachers.

When students complete this program, they will be part of a statewide group of students who will continue to promote and share disaster readiness tips in their communities for years to come. So, thank you in advance for helping California be disaster ready.

Program Overview

This is the first statewide classroom preparedness program in California. Through instruction and handouts, students will learn about various disasters in their communities by gathering and using data, reading case studies about actual disaster events, and reflecting on which behaviors may help contribute to staying safe during a disaster.

Students will develop their own disaster preparedness guidelines and then compare and contrast that with the disaster preparedness guidelines identified in the Cal OES Family Readiness Guide.

Students will promote these guidelines by completing the Cal OES Family Readiness Guide with their families and promoting disaster preparedness within their communities.

Case studies of actual disaster events that students will explore include:

- Wildfire: The Camp Fire in Paradise
- Flood: 2017 Winter Storm Flooding
- Earthquake: Ridgecrest Earthquake
- Tsunami: Japan Tsunami of 2011
- Volcano: Mount St. Helens Volcanic Eruption
- Tornado: Tornado Strikes Moore, OK
- Power Outage: High Winds and the 2019 Public Safety Power Shutoffs

The instructional sequence of the Preparedness Ambassadors curriculum follows the 5E instructional model of engage, explore, explain, elaborate, and evaluate. The curriculum is designed to focus on the CA Health content area of Injury Prevention and Safety for fourth grade students and emphasizes the standard of Health Promotion. The program also includes the following standards:

- Next Generation Science Standards for CA Public Schools
- English Language Arts Standards
- CA Environmental Principles and Concepts

