



MANDATORY
2021 USCCB HIGH SCHOOL SAFE ENVIRONMENT
AUDIT COMPLIANCE REPORT AND SIGNATURE PAGE
(This report is for Safe Environment Year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

DEADLINE – FRIDAY – MAY 14, 2021

Report must be signed and mailed to:
Fr. Brian Nunes, Moderator of the Curia/Vicar General
2021 USCCB Safe Environment Audit Compliance Report
3424 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90010-2241

This report should include hard copies of the following items:

- **Include this “Signature Page,” signed and dated below**
- **Completed 2021 USCCB Safe Environment High School Audit Compliance Report**
- **Two (2) Safeguard the Children Committee Meetings Minutes**
- **Three (3) Newsletters or other Communications**

SIGNATURE PAGE

Region: _____

High School: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Principal: _____

Signature

Please Print Name and Title

Date Signed

**2021 USCCB SAFE ENVIRONMENT
AUDIT COMPLIANCE REPORT**

The attached 2021 USCCB Safe Environment Audit Compliance Report must be completed, signed and returned by **Friday, May 14, 2021**. A copy of this report must be kept on file at the High School. For questions, call Joan Vienna at (213) 637-7227.

1. SAFEGUARD CONTACT INFORMATION:

Each High School must have a Safeguard the Children Committee and Chairperson. Please list his/her email so important information and resources can be emailed to him/her.

Name of Chairperson: _____

EMAIL: _____ Phone: _____

2. SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN COMMITTEE MINUTES:

It is mandated that the Safeguard the Children Committee meet at least two (2) times a year. This Report must **include at least two (2) sets of Safeguard the Children Committee Meeting Minutes** from July 1, 2020 – May 29, 2021.

3. WORKING TOGETHER BROCHURES:

Copies of the “Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse” brochures must be displayed at your school site. Please check the locations where they are displayed:

____ School Office ____ Other:

____ Distribution to parents during 2021 April Child Abuse Prevention Month

<https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>

4. PUBLICIZING THE EXISTENCE OF THE CHARTER:

How is your school publicizing and celebrating Child Abuse Prevention Month during April 2020? Please list any events, activities or resources your Committee used this year:

5. CHILD ABUSE REPORTING:

Principal and all school staff members must know when and how to report an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor and reporting forms readily available. Please specify where you display copies of “Responding to an Allegation of Suspected Child Abuse Procedures.”

<https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/>

High School: _____

6. **VICTIMS ASSISTANCE:**

Principal and all school staff members must know how to obtain outreach for victims through the Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Ministry. Is the following information posted in plain view at your school site? ___ Yes ___ No

If “No” please post it at this time.

DR. HEATHER BANIS, Victims Assistance Ministry Coordinator
(213) 637-7650 / hbais@la-archdiocese.org /
<https://lacatholics.org/departments-ministries/protecting-children/>

7. **GUIDELINES:**

All school staff and volunteers must annually review and sign copies of the “Guidelines for Adults Interacting with Minors at School Activities or Events” which lists the standards of ministerial behavior for clergy, paid personnel and volunteers.

<https://lacatholics.org/policies-and-procedures/>

Where are the signed “Acknowledgment of Receipt” forms for “Guidelines for Adults Interacting with Minors at School Activities or Events” kept?

The “Guidelines for Junior High and High School Students Working with Minors” must be reviewed with any minors who volunteer with children and the school must keep the signed “Acknowledgment of Receipt” form on file.

<http://handbook.la-archdiocese.org/chapter-9/section-9-7/topic-9-7-2>

Where are the signed documents filed?

8. **ADULT VIRTUS® TRAINING:**

All adults, including clergy, paid school staff and volunteers who work or volunteer with or around children must take the 3 hr. VIRTUS® “Protecting God’s Children”. www.virtus.org

The training is good for four years from the date on the Certificate.

- Must take the “Keeping the Promise Alive” Recertification before the Certificate expires.
- If the certificate is more than 4 years old, they must retake the “Protecting God’s Children” session.
- If a participant has read 48 or more VIRTUS® Monthly Bulletins, he/she can apply for an Option #3 Recertification by emailing avichot@la-archdiocese.org with his/her name and the Region where the VIRTUS® online account is located.

Complete the following information on the adults who are in compliance and those who need to be trained:

SCHOOL - PRINCIPAL, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS:

	<u>Total Number</u>	<u>#VIRTUS® Trained</u>	<u>#To be Trained</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Principal:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Administrators:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Teachers:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Staff:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Coaches:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Parent Volunteers:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other Volunteers:	_____	_____	_____	_____

9. **YOUNG PEOPLE TRAINING:**

All Catholic High School must use “Empowering God’s Children and Young People” ©Archdiocese of Los Angeles or approved Components of the High School Outcome and Criteria.

Note: Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year all High Schools must use “Empowering God’s Children and Young People.”

For “Empowering God’s Children/Young People” Lesson Plans and Resources, visit:

<https://lacatholics.org/empowering-gods-children/>

<u>Number Youth in Programs</u>	<u># Trained</u>	<u># Absent</u>	<u># Opt-Outs</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____

Has the children/youth training been reported on VIRTUS® Online? ___ Yes ___ If “No” the information must be reported by **March 31, 2021.**

10. **OPT-OUT FORMS:** (*Opt-Out Forms Must Be Kept Permanently Onsite*)

Did the school have any parents who choose not to have their child participate in the Archdiocesan safe environment children’s training?

How many parents opted out?

Where is the documentation filed?

What materials were offered to parents who chose to opt-out of safe environment training for their child(ren)?

11. **FINGERPRINTING:**

All principals, personnel and volunteers who work regularly in a supervisory role with children or youth must be fingerprinted. Each High School must have a VPIN (Volunteer and Personnel Information Network) Administrator who is responsible for checking fingerprinting records for their site. For information, call: (213) 637-7680. <https://lacatholics.org/fingerprinting/>

VPIN Administrator (High School): _____

Phone: _____

12. **ALLEGATIONS:**

Answer the following questions only if the school was directly affected or has become aware of allegations of sexual abuse of children by clergy or lay staff member(s) during the current audit period:

a. Has the Archdiocese kept the High School/school informed?

Yes: ___ No: ___

b. Has the Archdiocese provided outreach to affected persons or groups?

Yes: ___ No: ___

c. Has the Archdiocese supported reinstatement of the accused when allegations are determined to be unfounded? (if applicable)

Yes: ___ No: ___