Mental Health Evaluation Team (MHET)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

1. **How do we access MHET?**
   If you have a resident officer at your site start with them. If the resident officer is not available, call the Los Angeles School Police Department (LASPD) Dispatch at (213) 625-6631 and inform them of the situation. An LASPD patrol officer will respond. MHET will monitor the call received by LASPD Dispatch, as well as radio traffic. If it is determined that a MHET is needed, they will deploy, if available.

2. **What hours is MHET available?**
   MHET is available from 8:30am-5:00pm. If a call comes in after 5:00pm a patrol unit will respond and assess.

3. **Does MHET replace PMRT or Valley Coordinated?**
   No, MHET is an additional resource and option when addressing a suicidal/homicidal student or employee.

4. **Will MHET respond to parents in crisis?**
   MHET is primarily intended for support with students and staff but there may be instances where a response for a parent would be warranted.

5. **Should I call both MHET and PMRT and see who gets there faster?**
   No. Calling both entities depletes resources to other schools and city requests. Decide which resource you want to call, then see that response through.

6. **Who calls the parents/guardian to notify them when their child is being transported?**
   Each situation is unique. In some instances, the parent/guardian is already there or arrives to pick up their child. MHET responders will work with the school team to determine who will be contacting parent/guardian.

7. **Do you handcuff when you transport a student?**
   Handcuffing is at the discretion of the MHET Police Officer.

8. **What is MHET's response time?**
   The response time is dependent on whether or not MHET is on another call. Regardless of whether MHET is available, a patrol officer will respond to the call if there is not a resident officer on campus.

9. **What if parents are requesting transportation to the hospital for a voluntary hold?**
   This is dependent on the situation and availability of MHET.

If you have additional questions, need clarification, or you are interested in having a MHET training, contact Nicole McMahon, Specialist at nicole.mcmahon@lausd.net or (213) 202-2028.