

STUDENT SAFETY

The Board of Education recognizes the District's responsibility for ensuring the safety of all students in school buildings, on school grounds, and/or when participating in school activities.

The safety of all students shall be the responsibility of all staff members. In the case of an accident and/or when an injury occurs, the effected student(s) shall receive first aid from the nurse, teacher, or other trained employee nearest the scene. The building principal, nurse, or teacher shall notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) of each effected student as soon as possible. If a parent/guardian cannot be reached, the family or school physician shall be notified.

The District will strive to assure the safety of its students through close supervision of these students in school buildings, on school grounds, and/or when participating in school activities. Special attention will be given to the following:

1. maintaining a safe school environment through periodic inspection of the physical condition of all buildings and grounds;
2. ensuring safe practices are followed by school personnel and students, particularly in areas of instruction or extracurricular activity which present greater hazards, such as, but not limited to, shops and laboratories, where the wearing of eye safety devices, in accordance with Education Law and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, will be strictly enforced;
3. offering safety education to students, as appropriate, in subjects such as laboratory courses in science, shop courses, and health and physical education; and
4. notifying the building principal and school nurse of all accidents and/or injury and maintaining an accident report for each incident.

In addition, school personnel shall be conscious of suspicious strangers loitering on or near school grounds or at school functions. Schools shall also strictly enforce the District's Visitors to the Schools policy and associated regulation. School personnel shall report any unauthorized or suspicious individual(s) to the building principal. If warranted, the building principal shall report such to the Superintendent of Schools and/or the Director of Safety and Security. The Superintendent and/or Director of Safety and Security shall notify law enforcement agencies if the circumstances warrant such. Students shall be instructed to notify teachers, parents/guardians, police, or school officials of any suspicious strangers.

The Board recognizes its responsibility to include in the curriculum instruction that deals with student safety and welfare. Such instruction will meet state mandates in the following areas:

1. fire and arson prevention;
2. school bus safety and emergency drills;
3. disaster planning and civil preparedness;
4. substance abuse prevention;
5. the use of safety devices;
6. energy conservation;
7. environmental conservation;
8. highway and traffic safety, including bicycle safety;
9. prevention of child abduction, sexual exploitation, and sexual abuse; and

10. internet safety

The below safety measures will be observed by the District.

1. Fire and emergency drills will be conducted on a regular basis, at least as often as required by law and in accordance with such law.
2. The Superintendent or designee is responsible for any decision to close a particular school building or the District as a whole in the case of hazardous weather or other emergency.
3. The building principal or designee is responsible for the decision to evacuate a particular school building in the case of an emergency.

The safety and welfare of children is to be the prime consideration in any decision to close or evacuate a particular school building or the District as a whole.

Cross-ref: 1240, Visitors to the Schools
 1240 R, Visitors to the Schools Regulation
 5300, Code of Conduct
 5450.1, Notification of Sex Offenders
 8110, School Building Safety
 8115, Pesticides and Pest Management
 8122, Accident Reports
 8130, District/School Emergency Management Plans
 8132, Fire Drills
 8133, Bomb Threats
 8134, Emergency Closings
 8220, Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection

Ref: Education Law §§409-a; 803-a, 803-b; 804; 806; 808; 814; 3212-a; 3623
 8 NYCRR §§107.1; 141.10; 156.3

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