

**SAFETY PROGRAM**

Accidents are undesirable, unplanned occurrences that may result in tragic consequences--bodily harm, loss of school time, property damage, legal action, and even fatality. It will be the policy of the Board to guard against such occurrences by taking every reasonable precaution to protect the safety of all students, employees, visitors, and others present on district property or at school-sponsored events.

The Board will comply with safety requirements established by governmental authorities and will insist that its staff adhere to recommended safety practices as these pertain, for example, to the school plant, special areas of instruction, student transportation, school sports, and occupational safety.

The superintendent will have overall responsibility for the safety program of the district. Building principals, the school nurse, and auxiliary staff supervisors will assume responsibility for general areas of emphasis which include, but are not limited to: in-service training; accident recordkeeping; plant inspection; driver and vehicle safety programs; fire prevention; and emergency procedures and traffic safety programs relevant to students, employees, and the community. Each principal will be responsible for the supervision of a safety program for his/her school.

The practice of safety will also be considered a facet of the instructional program of the district schools, and instruction in accident prevention as well as fire prevention, emergency procedures, traffic, bicycle and pedestrian safety, and driver education will be provided in the appropriate grades and classes.

Efforts directed toward the prevention of accidents will succeed only to the degree that all staff members and students recognize that preventing accidents is a daily operational responsibility.

CROSS REFS.: EEAC, School Bus Safety Program  
GBE, Staff Health and Safety  
IGAE, Health Education  
JHF, Student Safety

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