

STUDENT SAFETY

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

The safety of all students shall be the responsibility of all staff members. In case of accident or injury, students shall receive first aid from the nurse, teacher, or other trained employee nearest the scene. The nurse or teacher shall notify the parent(s) as soon as possible or, if neither parent is available, the family or school physician shall be notified.

The safety of students will be assured through close supervision of students on school premises, on school buses, and/or 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 (such inspections will be under the supervision of the School Safety Committee);
2. observation of safe practices on the part of school personnel and students, particularly in those areas of instruction or extracurricular activities which offer special hazards. Section 409-a of the Education Law and the relevant sections of the Commissioner's Regulations regarding the wearing of eye safety devices in shops and laboratories, etc. will be strictly observed;
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 school nurse of all accidents (for every accident, an accident report must be completed and filed).

In addition, school personnel shall be conscious of suspicious strangers loitering in or near the school. The Superintendent of Schools shall notify law enforcement agencies if the circumstances seem to warrant it. Students shall be instructed to notify teachers, their parents, police or school officials of any suspicious strangers. All persons in school buildings or on school property are subject to the provisions outlined in policy 1520, Public Conduct on School Property.

Safety Measures

1. Fire drills are to be conducted on a regular basis, at least twelve (12) times a year, as required under the Education Law.
2. The Superintendent is responsible for a decision to close school or to evacuate the schools in case of emergency.

The safety and welfare of the children is to be the prime consideration in such decisions. For information regarding cases of severe emergency, refer to policy 8130, Emergency Plans.

Cross-ref: 8100, Safety Program
8120, Accident Prevention and Safety Procedures
8130, Emergency Plans
8132, Fire Drills
8414, School Bus Safety

Ref: Education Law §§806; 808; 3212-a
8 NYCRR §§107.1; 141.10

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