

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.

Playground equipment owned by the District will be assessed annually by the district Director of Buildings and Grounds with an emphasis toward complying with safety standards established by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. The Director of Buildings and Grounds will provide a formal report to the Board of Education during its June meeting each year which denotes the outcome of the annual safety assessment and recommend any necessary modifications to district playground equipment. In addition to this routine evaluation by the Director of Buildings and Grounds, all district personnel are encouraged to report any issues associated with playground equipment that may cause undue harm to students to their immediate supervisor.

The superintendent will have overall responsibility for the safety program of the district. General areas of emphasis will include, but not be limited to: inservice 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 will be provided in the appropriate grades and classes.

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

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