



Title: **Safe Schools**

Code: ADD

Section: Section A: Foundations and Basic Commitments

The Board of Education recognizes that effective learning and teaching takes place in a safe, secure and welcoming environment and that safe schools contribute to improved attendance, increased student achievement, and community support. Safe schools are a priority of the District and the District is committed to providing a safe environment in school, on school vehicles, and at school-sponsored activities. To that end, the Board directs the superintendent, following consultation with the District Accountability Committee and parents, teachers, administrators, students and, where appropriate, the community at large, to develop a safe schools plan that includes:

1. a conduct and discipline code that conforms to state statute, copies of which shall be provided to students upon enrollment and shall be posted, or kept on file at each school within the District;
2. procedures that address the supervision and security of school buildings and grounds;
3. procedures that address the safety and supervision of students during school hours and school-sponsored activities;
4. procedures that address persons visiting school buildings and attending school-sponsored activities;
5. training programs for staff and students in crisis prevention and management;
6. training programs for staff and students in emergency response procedures that include practice drills;
7. training programs for staff and students in how to recognize and respond to behavior or other information that may indicate impending violence or other safety problems;
8. training and support for students that aims to relieve the fear, embarrassment and peer pressure associated with reporting behavior that may indicate impending violence or other safety problems;
9. procedures for safe, confidential reporting of security and safety concerns at each building;
10. procedures for regular assessments by school security/safety professionals and law enforcement officers to evaluate the security needs of each school building and to provide recommendations for improvements if necessary;

11. procedures for periodic assessments to determine whether students feel safe and to provide recommendations for improvements in school climate at each District building;
12. procedures to provide for regular communication between District officials, law enforcement officers, fire department officials, city and county officials, and local medical personnel, to discuss crisis prevention and management strategies, including involvement by these parties in the development and revision of crisis prevention and management plans;
13. training programs for staff and students in safety precautions and procedures;
14. procedures for the reporting of criminal activity to law enforcement;
15. procedures for notifying parents of a staff member's criminal charges when such notification is required by state law.

Each building principal shall be responsible for the supervision and implementation of the safe school program at his or her school. The principal shall submit annually, in the manner and by the date specified by the State Board of Education, a written report to the Board of Education concerning the learning environment in the school during that school year. (See exhibit to this policy, ADD E 1).

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Legal Refs:

C.R.S. § 9-1-101 through 9-1-106 (construction requirements, fire escapes, etc.)

C.R.S. § 22-1-130 (6) (safe school plan must include parent notification of staff member criminal charges)

C.R.S. § 22-3-101 through 22-3-104 (eye protective devices)

C.R.S. § 22-32-109.1(1)(b.5) (definition of "community partners" that Board may wish to consult with in developing and implementing its safe school plan)

C.R.S. § 22-32-109.1(2) (safe school plan)

C.R.S. § 22-32-109.1(2)(b) (detailing information required in annual principal reports on the learning environment)

C.R.S. § 22-32-109.1(2.5) (districts are “encouraged” to adopt a child sexual abuse and assault prevention plan as part of a safe school plan)

C.R.S. § 22-32-110(1)(k) (Board authority to adopt policies related to staff member safety and official conduct)

C.R.S. § 22-32-124(2),(3) (building inspections)

C.R.S. § 24-10-106.5 (duty of care)

CROSS REFS.:

ECA/ECAB, School District Building Safety and Security

KDBA, Parent Notification of Staff Member Criminal Charges

KDE, Crisis Management (Safety, Readiness and Incident Management Planning)

KI, Visitors to School

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Attachments

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