

SAFETY PROGRAM

Accidents are unplanned occurrences that can result in tragic consequences--bodily harm, loss of school time, property damage, legal action, and even fatality. The School Committee will guard against such occurrences by developing policies that support taking every possible precaution to protect the safety of all students, employees, visitors and others present on school property or at school-sponsored events.

The Committee 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 facilities, special areas of instruction, student transportation, school sports and occupational safety.

The practice of safety will be considered a facet of the instructional program of the schools. Instruction will include accident prevention, fire prevention, emergency procedures, good health practices, traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian safety.

The Superintendent will have overall responsibility for the safety program of the school system. It will be the responsibility of the Superintendent to see that appropriate staff members are kept informed of current state and local requirements relating to fire prevention, civil defense, sanitation, public health, and occupational safety. Efforts directed toward the prevention of accidents will succeed only to the degree that all staff members recognize that preventing accidents is a daily operational responsibility. To ensure a district-wide standard of safety procedures, every member of the faculty and staff will be provided a copy of the School Committee's "Emergency Protocols."

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. 71:54 – 71:57 and Acts of 1985c 614 Sec I Board of Education
603 CMR 36:00

CROSS REFS.: EEAE, School Bus Safety Program
GBGB, Staff Personal Security and Safety
IHAM, Health Education
JLI, Student Safety

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