
SAFE SCHOOLS

The Board of Education is committed to the prevention of violence against people or property in the schools or at school activities, whether by students, staff or others. While committed to the protection of each person's constitutional rights, including due process rights, the Board does not condone lawlessness. Any individual committing violent acts in or on school property will be disciplined according to applicable Board policy and regulations.

Staff members who implement this or any other Board policy will receive the full support of the Board and the administration.

The Board shall establish an advisory committee to review specific policies, regulations, plans and procedures in order to ensure a comprehensive and effective program to prevent and punish vandalism and violence occurring in the schools and on district property. Simultaneously with the work of the committee, the Superintendent of Schools and appropriate school administrators shall review the practices at each school and shall submit a separate report to the Board including any findings and recommendations on the implementation of committee suggestions on these and other policies, regulations, plans and procedures concerning safety. Members of the advisory committee shall include a Board member, the Superintendent of Schools, appropriate school personnel, a student representative, parents, and other community representatives. All members shall be appointed by the Board.

The advisory committee shall examine the policies, regulations, plans and procedures concerning:

1. Student conduct and discipline;
2. The maintenance of public order on school property;
3. The banning of weapons on school property;
4. Drug and alcohol abuse;
5. School emergency management;
6. Coordination efforts with law enforcement agencies;
7. Searches and seizures by school officials;
8. Training for staff and students in conflict resolution and violence prevention; and
9. Building security measures including procedures governing visitors to the schools and access to school buildings.

The advisory committee shall review these and other policies, regulations, plans, and procedures, as directed, to ensure that they are:

1. Consistent with law and regulation;
2. Clear, complete and enforceable; and
3. Appropriately disseminated to students, staff, parents and are available to the general public.

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Support Services

The advisory committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Board prior to public release. Final reports shall be delivered to the Board at a meeting scheduled by the Board to receive the report.

Any official policy level action is the sole discretion of the Board. The Board is in no way obligated to follow committee recommendations. The Board has the right to accept, reject or modify all or any part of a committee recommendation.

Cross ref: 5300, Code of Conduct
5320, Student Conduct on School Buses
8130, Emergency Plan
8212, Vandalism

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