

## STUDENT SAFETY

The Board believes that students have the right to be protected in all facets of the education program and directs the Superintendent/designee to develop and maintain a safety instruction program for all students. Safety instruction in the District include:

1. establishing appropriate safety rules;
2. learning how to practice safety and to prevent accidents;
3. learning how to safely use and care for tools and equipment so as to reduce the possibility of accidents;
4. developing habits of good housekeeping, proper storage and handling of materials and sanitation;
5. becoming familiar with personal protection devices and the proper clothing to be worn for safety purposes;
6. learning how to cooperate with others in the promotion and operation of a safety program in the school, on school grounds and on school vehicles;
7. instructing students not to accept gifts or automobile rides from strangers. Students are also instructed to tell staff members, parents, or law enforcement of any suspicious strangers in or around school property;
8. providing instruction in personal safety and assault prevention in grades kindergarten through six. Upon the written request of a parent, a student shall be excused from taking such instruction; and
9. providing age-appropriate instruction in dating violence prevention in grades 7 through 12.

Safety instruction precedes the use of materials and equipment by students in applicable units of work and instructors teach and enforce all safety rules set up for the particular courses. These include the wearing of protective eye devices in appropriate activities.

In an attempt to further ensure student safety, staff members:

1. shall not send students on errands that would require the student to leave school property and/or drive a vehicle;
2. shall not attempt to counsel, assess, diagnose or treat a student's personal problem relating to sexual behavior, substance abuse, mental or physical health and/or family relationships but, instead, should refer the student to the appropriate individual or agency for assistance;

3. shall not disclose information concerning a student, other than directory information, to any person not authorized to receive such information. This includes, but is not limited to, information concerning assessments, ability scores, grades, behavior, mental or physical health and/or family background and
4. shall immediately report any suspected signs of child abuse or neglect.

In addition to instruction in safety, buildings are inspected annually to detect and remedy health and safety hazards. Staff members shall immediately report to the building administrator any accident or safety hazard he/she detects. The Superintendent is authorized and directed to develop appropriate means for the implementation of this policy.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.60; 3313.643; 3313.96  
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CROSS REFS.: AFI, Evaluation of Educational Resources  
EB, Safety Program  
GBH, Staff-Student Relations (Also JM)  
IGAE, Health Education  
JEE, Student Attendance Accounting (Missing and Absent Children)  
JFCF, Hazing and Bullying (Harassment, Intimidation and Dating Violence)  
JFCH, Alcohol Use by Students  
JFCI, Student Drug Abuse  
JHG, Reporting Child Abuse  
JHH, Notification About Sex Offenders  
JO, Student Records