

## **Business/Non-Instructional Operations**

### **Security of Buildings and Grounds**

Buildings constitute one of the greatest investments of the school district and the community. It is in the best interest of students and taxpayers to protect that investment adequately.

Security means more than having locks and being sure that they are locked at the proper times. Security also means:

1. Developing at each school, in compliance with the requirements of C.G.S. 10-22m, a school security and safety plan, in partnership with other community groups, including, but not limited to, law enforcement, fire safety officials, emergency medical services, as well as health and mental health professionals. Such plan shall be based upon the school security and safety plan standards developed by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) pursuant to C.G.S. 10-222n.
2. Training and practice necessary and essential for implementation of the crisis response plan. Law enforcement and other local public safety officials shall evaluate, score and provide feedback on fire drills and crisis response drills pursuant to C.G.S. 10-231.
3. Controlling access to school grounds and facilities.
4. Conducting a security and vulnerability assessment for each District school every two years and developing a school security and safety plan for each District school based upon the security and safety plan standards developed by DESPP.
5. Submitting annual reports to DESPP regarding fire drills and crisis response drills.
6. Establishing a School Security and Safety Committee at each school, responsible for assisting in the development of the school's security and safety plan and its implementation. (membership as required by C.G.S. 10-22k)
7. Developing procedures for managing various types of emergencies.
8. Minimizing fire hazards;
9. Reducing the probability of faulty equipment;
10. Guarding against the chance of electrical shock;
11. Keeping records and funds in a safe place; and
12. Protecting against vandalism and burglary.

The Superintendent of Schools is directed to establish such rules and regulations as may be needed to provide for security in the sense outlined above.

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

29-389 Stairways and fire escapes on certain buildings.

P.A. 13-3 An Act Concerning Gun Violence Protection and Children's Safety

[10-220f](#) Safety Committees

[10-222k](#) District safe school climate coordinator. Safe school climate specialist. Safe school climate committee.

[10-222m](#) School security and safety plans. School security and safety committees

[10-222n](#) School security and safety plan standards [10-231](#) Fire drills