

Instruction

Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to students, staff and the community to be prepared to deal with various emergencies as they arise, ensuring to the greatest extent possible the safety of District students, staff and visitors.

All employees of the school system are responsible for doing everything in their power to promote the safety of all of the students at all times.

District staff shall be prepared to respond immediately and responsibly to any combination of events which threaten to result in a disaster when it occurs.

~~The Superintendent shall develop and maintain an emergency preparedness plan which shall make provisions for handling a variety of foreseeable emergencies, including terroristic activity. The emergency plan shall be kept current. Governmental agencies and bodies vested with the responsibility for directing and coordinating emergency services on local and state levels shall be included in the preparation and implementation of the plan.~~

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall use state-approved School Security and Safety Plan Standards to be compliant with the National Incident Management System (NIMS), and incorporate the National Incident Command System when updating District and site-level emergency and disaster preparedness plans. The District plan shall specify procedures to be taken ~~in the District~~ in the event of an emergency. As appropriate, the Board shall enter into cooperative agreements with other governmental entities to assure proper coordination and support during emergencies.

Each school in the District, each school year, will develop and implement a school security and safety plan. Such plan shall be based upon the standards issued by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection/Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DESPP/DEMHS) and the accompanying School Security and Safety Plan Template. In addition to preparedness and response, the plan shall provide guidance on recovery from any emergency incident.

~~The a~~Administration shall require the Building Principal to maintain procedures for fire, civil defense, and other emergencies, in accordance with the District's plan and to insure the maintenance of the fire alarm system and regular and emergency exits of all buildings. Students will be instructed each year on the emergency procedures. Response drills will be conducted regularly, in accordance with emergency plans. At the beginning of each school year, parents and staff of each school shall receive a written summary of sections of the plan relevant to that school.

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First Aid

All students will be provided with immediate first aid and/or 911 emergency rescue services when a medical crisis and/or life threatening episode occurs at school. At least one person ~~two (2) staff members~~ in each school site should hold current first aid and/or CPR certification in addition to the school nurse.

(cf. 3516 – Safety)

(cf. 5141.6 - Crisis Prevention/Response)

(cf. 5142 - Student Safety)

(cf. 6114.1 - Fire Emergency/Crisis Response Drills)

(cf. 6114.3 – Bomb Threats)

(cf. 6114.6- Emergency Closings)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules

10-231 Fire drills

52-557b Immunity from liability for emergency medical assistance, first aid or medication by injection. School personnel not required to administer or render.

P.A. 13-3 An Act Concerning Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety (Section 86, 87, 88)

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