

SECURITY

Code **ECA** Issued **1/13**

Purpose: To establish the basic structure for security of district buildings and grounds.

The district maintains school buildings and grounds for the education and recreation of the school children in the district. No one may use the buildings or grounds in a way that would interfere with their most effective use for the benefit of the school children.

The principal is responsible for seeing that all doors are locked, equipment is shut off and windows are secured at the close of the school day. A custodian working after the principal leaves must accept full responsibility in these matters.

The board requires and encourages close cooperation with the local police and sheriff's departments, the fire department and with insurance inspectors. The principal will report all theft, vandalism or destruction of school property to law enforcement authorities as appropriate.

Contacting law enforcement

The principal is empowered to take appropriate action (including calling the police and swearing out warrants) against any person who willfully and unnecessarily interferes with the operation of the school, loiters without permission or acts in an obnoxious manner.

The principal is required to contact law enforcement authorities immediately upon notice that a person is engaging in or has engaged in certain activities on school property or at a school sanctioned or sponsored activity. Those activities are ones which may result, or do in fact result, in injury or serious threat of injury to the person or to another person, or his/her property.

Adopted 1/14/13

A. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 16-17-420 – Authority to take appropriate action.
2. Section 59-19-90(5) – General authority to manage and control property of district.
3. Section 59-19-120 and 59-19-140 – Specific rule-making powers regarding district property.
4. Section 59-24-60 – Requires administration to contact law enforcement.
5. Section 20-7-510, et seq. – Regarding duty of school authorities to report suspected cases of abuse and neglect.