

Operational Services

Safety

Safety and Security

All District operations, including the education program, shall be conducted in a manner that will promote the safety of everyone on District property or at a District event.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement, and maintain a comprehensive safety and security plan that includes, without limitation:

1. An emergency operations plan(s) addressing prevention, preparation, response, and recovery for each school.
2. Provisions for a coordinated effort with local law enforcement and fire officials, emergency medical services personnel, and the Board Attorney;
3. A school safety drill plan;
4. Instruction in safe bus riding practices; and
5. A clear, rapid, factual, and coordinated system of internal and external communication.

In the event of an emergency that threatens the safety of any person or property, students and staff are encouraged to follow the best practices discussed for their building regarding the use of any available cellular telephones.

School Safety Drill Plan

During each academic year, each school building that houses school children must conduct a minimum, each of the following in accordance with the School Safety Drill Act, (105 ILCS 128/):

1. Three school evacuation drills to address and prepare students and school personnel for fire incidents. One of these three drills shall require the participation of the local fire department or district.
2. One bus evacuation drill.
3. One severe weather and shelter-in-place drill to address and prepare students and school personnel for possible tornado incidents.
4. One law enforcement lockdown drill to address a school shooting incident and to evaluate the preparedness of school personnel and students. This drill shall occur no later than 90 days after the first day of school of each year, and shall require the participation of all school personnel and students present at school at the time of the drill, except for those exempted by administrators, school support personnel, or a parent/guardian.

Annual Review

The Board or its designee will annually review each school building's emergency operations and crisis response plan(s), protocols, and procedures, as well as each building's compliance with the school safety drill plan. This annual review shall be in

accordance with the School Safety Drill Act (105 ILCS 128/) and the Joint Rules of the Office of the State Fire Marshall and the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE). 29 Ill. Admin. Code Part 1500.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

The Superintendent or designee shall implement a written plan for responding to medical emergencies at the District's physical fitness facilities in accordance with the Fitness Facility Medical Emergency Preparedness Act. The plan shall provide for an automated external defibrillator (AED) to be available according to State law requirements.

The District shall have an AED on site as well as a trained AED user: (1) on staff during staffed business hours; and (2) available during activities or events sponsored and conducted or supervised by the District. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that every AED on the District's premises is properly tested and maintained in accordance with rules developed by the IDPH. This policy does not create an obligation to use an AED.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

The Superintendent or designee shall implement a plan with the District's local fire officials to:

1. Determine which school buildings to equip with approved *carbon monoxide alarms* or *carbon monoxide detectors*.
2. Locate the required carbon monoxide alarms or carbon monoxide detectors within 20 feet of a carbon monoxide emitting device, and
3. Incorporate carbon monoxide alarm or detector activation procedures into each school building that requires a carbon monoxide alarm or detector. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure each school building annually reviews these procedures.

Soccer Goal Safety

The Superintendent or designee shall implement the Movable Soccer Goal Safety Act in accordance with the guidance published by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Implementation of the Act shall be directed toward improving the safety of moveable soccer goals by requiring that they be properly anchored.

Unsafe School Choice Option

The unsafe school choice option allows students to transfer to another District school or to a public charter school within the District. The unsafe school choice option is available to:

1. All students attending a persistently dangerous school, as defined by State law and identified by the ISBE.
2. Any student who is a victim of a violent criminal offense, as defined by 725 ILCS 120/3 that occurred on school grounds during regular school hours or during a school-sponsored event.
3. This transfer option is unavailable in this District for grades 6 – 8 because the District has only one school for grades 6 – 8. A student who would otherwise

have qualified for the choice option, or such a student's parent/guardian may request special accommodation from the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement the unsafe school choice option.

Lead Testing in Water

The Superintendent or designee shall implement testing for lead in each source of drinking water in school buildings in accordance with the Ill. Plumbing License Law and guidance published by the IDPH. The Superintendent or designee shall notify parent(s)/guardian(s) about the sampling results from their children's respective school buildings.

Student Insurance

The Board shall annually designate a company to offer student accident insurance coverage. The Board does not endorse the plan nor recommend that parents/guardians secure the coverage and any contract is between the parents/guardians and the company. Students, participating in athletics, cheerleading, or pompons must have school accident insurance unless the parents/guardians state in writing that the student is covered under a family health insurance plan.

Emergency Closing

The Superintendent is authorized to close the schools in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies that threaten the safety of students, staff members, or school property.

LEGAL REF: Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, P.L. 109-248.
Uniform Conviction Information Act, 20 ILCS 2635/.
105 ILCS 5/10-20.28, 10-20.56.5/5/21B-80, 5/10-21.9, and 128/.
Physical Fitness Facility Medical Emergency Preparedness Act,
210 ILCS 74/.
IL. Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/12-813.1.
Criminal Code of 2012, 720 ILCS 5/11-9.3.
Unified Code of Corrections, 730 ILCS 152/101 et seq.

CROSS REF: 4:110 (Transportation), 4:175 (Convicted Child Sex Offender;
Criminal Background Check and/or Screen; Notifications), 4:180
(Panademic Prepardness; Management and Recovery),
5:30(Hiring Process and Criteria), 8:30(Visitors to and Conduct on
School Property), 8:100 (Relations with Other Organizations and
Agencies)
6:190 (Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities), 6:250
(Community Resource Persons and Volunteers), 7:220 (Bus
Conduct), 7:300 (Extracurricular Athletics),

ADMIN. PROC.: 4:170-AP2 (Criminal Offender Notification Laws), 4:170-AP3
(School Bus Safety Rules), 4:170-AP6 (Plan for Responding to a
Medical Emergency at a Physical Fitness Facility with an AED),
5:30-AP2 (Investigations)

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