STUDENT SAFETY

The safety of all students shall be the responsibility of all staff members. In case of accident or injury, students shall receive first aid from the nurse, teacher, or other trained employee nearest the scene. The nurse or teacher shall notify the parent(s) as soon as possible or, if neither parent is available, the family or school physician shall be notified.

The Superintendent of Schools is responsible for seeing that safety standards are set, enforced and periodically reviewed by each Building Principal or such others as may be designated.

The safety of students will be assured through close supervision of students on school premises and on school buses. Special attention will be given to the following:

1. maintaining a safe school environment through periodic inspection of the physical condition of all buildings and grounds;
2. observation of safe practices on the part of school personnel and students, particularly in those areas of instruction or extracurricular activities which offer special hazards. Section 409-a of the Education Law and the relevant sections of the Commissioner's Regulations regarding the wearing of eye safety devices in shops and laboratories, etc., will be strictly observed;
3. offering safety education to students, as appropriate, in subjects such as laboratory courses in science, shop courses, and health and physical education; and
4. notifying the school nurse of all accidents. For every accident, an accident report must be completed and filed.

In addition, school personnel shall be aware of individuals that do not belong on school property and report to administration where there is a concern. The Superintendent shall notify law enforcement agencies if the circumstances seem to warrant such action. Students shall be instructed to notify teachers, their parents, police or school officials of any suspicious strangers.

Safety Measures

1. Safety drills are to be conducted on a regular basis and at least as often as required by law.
2. The Superintendent is responsible for a decision to close school or to evacuate the schools in case of emergency.

The safety and welfare of the children is to be the prime consideration in such decisions.
Cross-ref:  8100, Safety Program
8120, Accident Prevention and Safety Procedures
8121, First Aid
8122, Accident Reports
8130, Emergency Plans
8132, Fire Drills
8414, School Bus Safety

Ref:  Education Law §§806; 808– 3212-a
  8 NYCRR §§107.1; 141.10

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