

Orange County Schools Risk Management

Orange County Schools administers district-wide programs to identify liability exposures and develops plans for negative consequences or unexpected system losses. Services include programs that effectively reduce or eliminate risk exposures within several areas of the school district. The Director of Environmental Health & Safety/Driver Education works closely with employees, students, parents, and community partners to provide healthful, educational, and work environments for all.

Programs include Health and Safety Programs and Employee Safety Training, Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Management, Environmental Management, Life Safety Management, Insurance Programs, Workers' Compensation Administration and Hazardous Materials/Waste Management.

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Environmental Health and Safety News

Department of Justice COPS Grant

In 2005 in conjunction with the Orange County Sheriffs Department Orange County Schools was awarded a 50% matching grant from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) – United States Department of Justice for school safety equipment.

Grant funding was used to upgrade and install new Security Camera Surveillance in all schools.

The grant program was a partnership of Orange County Schools with the Orange County Sheriffs Department to enhance the safety and security for students, staff and emergency responders.

U. S. Department of Education-Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools

Orange County Schools was awarded the prestigious 2008 “Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools” (REMS) Grant which is a 100% federally funded grant to help improve and strengthen the district and school Emergency Management Plans.

Environmental Health and Safety Programs

Insurance Programs

Manages district processes related to insurance programs which includes but not limited to, property, comprehensive and general liability, automobile physical damage and liability, workers’ compensation, student accident and other supplemental insurance coverage.

Risk Management and Loss Control

Directs and administers system efforts to identify, minimize or eliminate district risk exposures within the areas of general liabilities, health and safety, property losses, employee workplace injuries, motor fleet operations, public risk factors, environmental affairs, and other system resources.

Workers’ Compensation

Manages insurance program to ensure that eligible employees receive immediate and adequate medical evaluation and treatment for work related injuries as required by North Carolina Industrial Commission and other laws. Coordinates and administers the system’s job recovery and return to work initiative.

Health and Safety

Provides and maintains a safe and healthy environment for students and staff that include state and local regulatory compliance, employee safety training, and school inspections.

Emergency Preparedness

Developed to help schools prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies.

Environmental Management

Ensure compliance with local, state, and federal environmental regulations related to fuel storage, asbestos containing building materials in older school buildings, and indoor air quality.

Life Safety Management

Physical inspections and program development to ensure that building systems (EXIT signs, EXIT doors, EXIT corridors, fire alarm systems, and fire extinguishers) are maintained in accordance with State and local fire codes.

Hazardous Materials/Waste Management

Developed to protect employees and students from hazards associated with products and materials containing hazardous chemicals.

Helpful Links

- Federal Emergency Management Agency - www.fema.gov/kids/teacher.htm
- On Line Safety Rules for Students - http://www.fema.gov/kids/on_safety.htm
- American Red Cross – www.redcross.org
- Flu Facts - <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/keyfacts.htm>
- Environmental Protection Agency’s “Tools for Schools” (regarding asthma and environment) <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/index.html>

Driving Directions

Traveling South on I-85 (From Durham NC)

Take Exit 164. Turn left at the end of ramp onto Churton Street. Continue to follow Churton Street under I-85. Turn left at the third traffic light (Cit-Go Convenience Store on same corner). This street leads into the Maintenance Department complex.

Traveling North on I-85 (From Burlington NC)

Follow I-85 at split with I-40 East. Take Exit 164. Turn Right at end of ramp onto Churton Street. Turn Left at Second traffic light (Cit-go Convenience Store on same corner). This street leads into the Maintenance Department complex.

From Orange County Schools’ Central Office:

Drive straight ahead out of the Central Office parking lot onto King Street. Turn left at traffic light onto Churton Street. Continue on Churton Street through town, pass under I-85. Turn Left at third traffic light (Cit-Go Convenience Store on same corner). This street leads into the Maintenance Department Complex.