STUDENT SAFETY

The objectives of safety instruction in the District include:

1. learning how to practice safety and prevent accidents;
2. learning how to safely use and properly care for tools and equipment so as to reduce the potential for accidents;
3. developing habits of good housekeeping, proper storage and handling of materials, and sanitation;
4. becoming familiar with personal protection devices and the proper clothing to be worn for safety purposes; and
5. learning how to cooperate with others in the promotion and operation of a safety program in the schools and on school vehicles.

Instruction in courses in industrial arts, science, homemaking, art, physical education, health and safety includes and emphasizes safety and accident prevention.

Safety instruction precedes the use of materials and equipment by students in the courses listed above, and instructors teach and enforce all safety rules established for the particular courses. These include the wearing of personal protective devices in appropriate situations.

Staff members instruct students not to accept gifts or automobile rides from strangers. Students are also instructed to tell staff members, parents, police or school safety patrols of any suspicious strangers on or around school property.

The Board provides instruction in personal safety and assault prevention in grades kindergarten through six. Upon the written request of a parent, a student shall be excused from such instruction.

In an attempt to further ensure student safety, staff members:

1. shall not send students on errands that would require the student to leave school property and/or drive a vehicle;
2. shall not attempt to counsel, assess, diagnose or treat a student's personal problem relating to sexual behavior, substance abuse, mental or physical health and/or family relationships but, instead, should refer the student to the appropriate individual or agency for assistance;
3. shall not disclose information concerning a student, other than directory information, to any person not authorized to receive such information. This includes, but is not limited to, information concerning assessments, ability scores, grades, behavior, mental or physical health and/or family background; and

4. shall, pursuant to law and Board policy, immediately report any suspected signs of child abuse or neglect.

Buildings are inspected annually to detect and remedy health and safety hazards. Staff members shall immediately report to the building administrator any accident or safety hazard he/she detects. The Superintendent is authorized and directed to develop appropriate means for the implementation of this policy.

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Legal References
ORC 3313.473; 3313.60; 3313.643; 3313.96
ORC 3737.73
OAC 3301-35-06

Cross References
AFI, Evaluation of Educational Resources
EB, Safety Program
GBH, Staff-Student Relations (Also JM)
IGAE, Health Education
IGBLA, Promoting Parental Involvement
JEE, Student Attendance Accounting (Missing and Absent Children)
JFCF, Hazing and Bullying (Harassment, Intimidation and Dating Violence)
JFCH, Alcohol Use by Students
JFCI, Student Drug Abuse
JHG, Reporting Child Abuse and Mandatory Training
JHH, Notification About Sex Offenders
JO, Student Records