OPERATIONAL SERVICES

District Safety

The Board recognizes that safety and health standards should be incorporated into all aspects of the operation of the District. Rules for safety and prevention of accidents will be posted in compliance with Montana Safety Culture Act and the Montana Occupational Safety and Health Act. Injuries and accidents will be reported to the District office.

There will be at least eight (8) disaster drills a year. All teachers will discuss disaster drill procedures with their class at the beginning of each year and will have them posted in a conspicuous place next to the exit door. A record will be kept of all fire drills. The drills will be held at different hours of the day or evening to avoid distinction between drills and actual disasters. The Superintendent will develop safety and health standards that comply with the Montana Safety Culture Act.

Safety or Emergency Plans

The Board shall review the District safety or emergency operations plan at least annually and update the plan as determined necessary by the trustees based on changing circumstances pertaining to school safety. Once the Board has made the annual certification to OPI, it may transfer funds pursuant to Section 20-1-401, MCA to make improvements to school safety and security.

The District safety plan or emergency operations plan must include threat assessment practices regarding the following:

1. The adoption of a threat assessment protocol, outlining policies and procedures for implementation when there is notification of a student threat of harm to others or property; and
2. An identified threat assessment team, composed of key staff, that meets at least monthly and may include behavioral threat assessment addressing students in need of academic and behavioral supports or interventions.

School Closure

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. Specific procedures for school closures may be found in the District's Safety Plan or Emergency Operations Plan.

Hazardous and Infectious Materials

The Superintendent shall take all reasonable measures to protect the safety of District personnel, students, and visitors on District premises from risks associated with hazardous materials, including pesticide, and infectious materials. Specific procedures for handling hazardous or infectious materials may be found in the District's Safety Plan.

Safety Measures

The Superintendent is authorized to adopt reasonable safety measures to protect the health and safety of District personnel, students, and visitors on District premises and during school-related activities. Reasonable safety measures include adoption of cleaning/sanitization plans, use of physical safeguards/barriers, and required use of personal protective equipment (*e.g.*, face masks). Exceptions to any requirements adopted by the Superintendent may be granted as required by law and on a case-by-case basis.

Cross References:

Legal References:	§20-1-401, MCA	Disaster drills (revised by Senate Bill 213)
	§20-1-402, MCA	Number of disaster drills required
	§20-9-806, MCA	School Closure by Declaration of Emergency
	§39-71-1501, MCA	Montana Safety Culture Act
	§50-71-111, et. seq., MCA	Montana Occupational Health and Safety Act

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