

## **Crisis Prevention and Response**

The district recognizes that schools are subject to a number of potentially disruptive events. These events include major crises. No school is immune no matter the size or location.

Being prepared for crises can enhance the district's effectiveness in responding to smaller incidents.

The district knows that schools cannot be sanctuaries. The challenge, however, is to protect students and staff as much as possible in an increasingly violent world.

Although there is no guarantee that a district will ever be completely safe from crime, the following security measures will be taken to lessen the chance of violence occurring on school grounds:

1. The district will establish an advisory committee that may include school officials, law enforcement officials, other youth-service providers, parents and students. The committee will plan what safety measures are needed and how they can be implemented, as well as regularly review school safety and security measures;
2. Building administrators will participate in staff development activities targeting security and promoting greater responsibility in working with the Board and district to implement site security programs;
3. The district will develop a comprehensive crisis management plan that incorporates resources available through other governmental and community agencies;
4. A school communications network will be established that links classrooms, playground and other supervisors with the office or security staff as well as with local law enforcement and fire departments;
5. Staff will be informed and regularly updated on safety plans through in-service training. The training will include licensed staff, classified staff, part-time employees and substitute teachers, and may include parents and community volunteers;
6. Parents and community volunteers will be used to help monitor surrounding neighborhoods and supervise the district grounds before, during and after school;
7. Access points to district grounds will be limited and monitored during the school day. A single visitor entrance should be supervised. Visitors shall sign in at the office. Staff and visitors will wear an identification pass. Delivery entrances used by vendors will be checked regularly;

8. Students will be taught to take responsibility for their own safety by reporting suspicious individuals or unusual activity on district grounds and by learning personal safety and conflict-resolution techniques;
9. The district curriculum committee will identify K-12 programs and activities that focus on teaching students nonviolence, pro-social skills, conflict resolution, law-related education and good decision making;
10. Building safety committees will review, identify and make recommendations regarding site safety and security concerns as a part of the regular building inspection.

To protect against intrusion the district will not only analyze the facilities to make illegal entry as difficult as possible but will develop a crisis plan so that each staff member and student knows what to do in an emergency.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

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