

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.

Therefore, the district will work toward being prepared for crises and to 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 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 district will take the following security measures to lessen the chances of violence occurring on district grounds:

1. The district will coordinate a local school security committee comprised of school officials, law enforcers, 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. Administration will acquire "crime-resistance savvy" and take greater responsibility in working with the Board and district to implement site security programs.
3. Schools will develop a comprehensive crisis management plan that incorporates resources available through other community agencies.
4. A school communications network will be established that links classrooms and playground supervisors with the front office or security staff as well as with local law enforcement and fire departments.
5. School 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 patrol surrounding neighborhoods and supervise the 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. 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. Schools will establish a curriculum committee to focus on teaching students non-violence, pro-social skills, conflict resolution, law-related education, and good decision making. The district safety committee will focus on what safety measures need to be implemented and how that can be accomplished.

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 members and students know what to do in an emergency.

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Legal Reference(s):

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