

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 following security measures will be taken to lessen the chance of violence occurring on school grounds:

1. The district will establish an advisory committee comprised of 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. Access points to district buildings will be limited and monitored during the school day. Visitors shall sign in at the office;
7. 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;
8. 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; and

10. Building safety committees will review, identify and make recommendations regarding site safety and security concerns as a part of the regular building inspection.

The district will develop a crisis plan so that each staff member and student knows what to do in various types of emergencies.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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