

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 as much as possible in an increasingly violent world.

The district will make every effort to make schools completely safe from crime and will take the following security measures to lessen the chances of violence occurring on school 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. School site administrators will acquire "crime-resistance savvy" and take responsibility in developing and implementing site security programs;
3. Individual 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 classroom 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 on the school site committee.
6. Parents and community volunteers will be used when available to help patrol surrounding neighborhoods and supervise the grounds before, during, and after school;
7. Access points to school grounds will be limited and monitored during the school day. A single visitor entrance should be supervised. Visitors must sign in at the reception area and 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 school grounds and by learning personal safety and conflict-resolution techniques.

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

Legal Reference(s):

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