

Safety

The Board and its administrative staff shall make every effort to provide a safe environment for students to study and play and for all employees to fulfill their employment duties and responsibilities. The District's administrative staff shall develop safety rules and practices. Annually, these rules shall be reviewed with all employees and students.

Emergency Drills

Each building housing students will comply fully with all laws regarding required fire drills, tornado drills, and lockdown drills. The Superintendent shall report to the Board concerning the nature of legally required "lockdown" drills¹. There shall be coordination with local emergency management, fire, and/or police officials in the conduct of "Lockdown" drills.

Fire Prevention

The District's employees shall be constantly on the alert for potential fire hazards.

Warning Systems

The Board shall seek to cooperate with local government officials, emergency preparedness authorities and other related state agencies to ensure that adequate warning systems in the event of disasters are available for use in the District.

Safety Inspections

The Superintendent, building Principals and maintenance personnel shall inspect each attendance center, playgrounds, and playground equipment, boilers, bleachers, and other such areas to determine whether said facilities or play areas are in adequate repair and free of harmful defects under a schedule developed by the Superintendent.

LEGAL REF: MCL 29.19; 380.1288; 30.409; R 340.1301-1305

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¹ MCL 29.19 (5) A minimum of 2 drills in which the occupants are restricted to the interior of the building and the building secured is required for each school year at a school that operates any of grades kindergarten to 12. A drill conducted under this subsection shall include security measures that are appropriate to an emergency such as the release of a hazardous material or the presence of an armed individual on or near the premises. The drill shall be conducted in coordination with the local emergency management coordinator appointed under section 9 of the emergency management act, 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.409, the county sheriff for the county or the chief of police or fire chief for the municipality where the school is located, or the designee of the sheriff, chief of police, or fire chief and consistently with applicable federal, state, and local emergency operations plans. The governing body of a school shall seek input from the administration of the school on the nature of the drills to be conducted under this subsection.

Safety Inspections

If, upon proper investigation, defects are found to exist, the individual conducting the investigation shall immediately inform the building Principal, Superintendent or immediate supervisor in writing. Necessary steps either to repair or to remove the defect shall be taken as soon as possible. Defects, which will require expenditure of money, shall be reported to the Board in compliance with rules regulating such circumstances. Any defects not immediately removed, repaired, or otherwise eliminated shall be blocked off with fences or other restraining devices.

Heating and Lighting

All furnaces, boilers, and lighting fixtures shall be periodically inspected to ensure maximum safety for students, District employees, and patrons. All such devices shall meet minimum standards as regulated by state and federal agencies governing such items.

Weather Hazards

Insofar as possible, walkways should be kept clean of snow and ice and be maintained in a safe condition for pedestrian traffic.

Safety Glasses

Student and employee's eyes shall be protected at all times in shop classes and science classes with the use of safety glasses. Glasses for visitors shall be available at the building office.

Accident Reports

All accidents on District grounds shall be reported to the Superintendent by any District employee.

Records of Emergency Drills

Building Principals shall maintain a record of the time and date of each emergency drill held. These records are subject to review by the Superintendent or State or local officials responsible for reviewing compliance with laws.