SAFETY PROGRAM

The Board of Education believes safety education and accident prevention are important to everyone concerned with the district. The Board shall take every possible precaution to protect the safety of students, employees and other citizens present on district property or at school-sponsored events. Further, it shall be an objective of the Board and its staff to develop within the student body a positive attitude toward accident prevention, such that it will remain with the individuals and be applicable in their professional and community activities.

It shall be the policy of the Board of Education that all district facilities comply with all regulations and state codes of the Department of Workforce Development (DWD), the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and all applicable local safety and health codes and regulations. The Board shall insist that its staff adhere to recommended health and safety practices as they pertain to the school plant, special areas of instruction, student transportation, school sports and other functions of the district.

The practice of safety shall also be considered a facet of the instructional program of the schools. Instruction in accident prevention, fire prevention, emergency procedures and road safety shall be provided in appropriate grades and classes.

The Superintendent shall establish a school safety committee in each of the schools and a district-wide safety committee to coordinate safety practices throughout the district.

Responsibility for coordinating all activities relating to this policy and the provision of safe and healthful facilities for the School District of Jefferson shall be assigned to the Superintendent or his/her designee. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall serve as a member of the district-wide safety committee.

The Superintendent shall develop a school safety handbook that specifies the make-up and responsibilities of the various safety committees, the safety-related responsibilities of other district staff and specific safety and health practices and procedures for the various school areas and programs.

The responsibility for the school safety program shall rest with many individuals including principals, teachers, custodial/maintenance/cleaning employees and other staff as directed by the Superintendent through the comprehensive school safety handbook. All district maintenance/custodial/cleaning personnel shall follow procedures designed to protect the safety and health of persons using school facilities. Maintenance/custodial/cleaning staff shall be made familiar with these procedures and shall receive in-service training regarding such procedures from time to time as determined by the Superintendent.

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