

## **Operational Services**

### **Safety**

#### **Safety Program**

The School District shall have a safety program promoting the safety of everyone on District property or at a District event. In order that the Board can monitor this goal's achievement, the Superintendent shall make regular reports to the Board containing relevant information.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a comprehensive safety and crisis plan incorporating both avoidance and management guidelines. The comprehensive safety and crisis plan shall specifically include provisions for: injury prevention; bomb threats, weapons, and explosives on campus; fire emergency and drill procedures; tornado protection; instruction in safe bus riding practices; emergency aid; and post-crisis management. There shall be at least 3 full participation exit drills during the regular school term.

In the event of an emergency that threatens the safety of any person or property, students and staff are encouraged to use any available cellular telephone. A school bus driver is prohibited from operating a school bus while using a cellular telephone, except: (1) during an emergency situation, (2) to call for assistance if there is a mechanical breakdown or other mechanical problem, (3) where a cellular telephone is owned by the School District and used as a digital two-way radio, and (4) when the school bus is parked.

#### **Child Sex Offender and Murderer Community Notification Act**

No employee, volunteer, or contractor's employee shall be on school property or at any school event if he or she is a child sex offender, as defined in the Child Sex Offender and Murderer Community Notification Law, unless prior permission is given by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the distribution and use of information from law enforcement officials under the Child Sex Offender and Murderer Community Notification Law. The Superintendent shall serve as the District contact person for purposes of this law. Non-staff members, as well as staff members who are not designated as information recipients, shall be referred to the law enforcement agencies for information regarding child sex offenders.

All contracts with the School District that may involve an employee or agent of the contractor having any contact, direct or indirect, with a student, shall contain the following:

The contractor shall not send to any school building or school property any employee or agent who would be prohibited from being employed by the District due to a conviction of a crime listed in 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9. The contractor shall obtain a criminal history background check before sending any employee or agent to any school building or school property. Additionally, at least quarterly, the contractor shall contact the local law enforcement authority where each employee or agent resides to determine if the employee is on the list of registered felons who have committed child sex offenses.

#### **Unsafe School Choice Option**

The unsafe school choice option allows students to transfer to another District school or to a public charter school within the District. The unsafe school choice option is available to:

1. All students attending a persistently dangerous school, as defined by State law and identified by the Illinois State Board of Education.
2. Any student who is a victim of a violent criminal offense, as defined by 725 ILCS 120/3, that occurred on school grounds during regular school hours or during a school-sponsored event.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement the unsafe school choice option.

Student Insurance

The Board of Education shall annually designate a company to offer student accident insurance coverage. The Board does not endorse the plan nor recommend that parents/guardians secure the coverage and any contract is between the parents/guardians and the company. Each student who participates in athletics, cheerleading, or pompons must have school accident insurance unless the parent(s)/guardian(s) state in writing that the student is covered under a family health insurance plan.

Emergency Closing

The Superintendent is authorized to close the schools in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies that threaten the safety of students, staff members, or school property.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.22, 5/10-20.23, 5/10-20.28, 5/10-21.3a, 5/10-21.9, and 5/27-26.  
625 ILCS 5/12-813.1.  
730 ILCS 152/101 et seq.  
Ill. Rules and Regulations for Fire Drills in Schools, 41 Ill. Admin. Code §110.10  
et seq.

CROSS REF.: 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 6:190 (Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities), 6:250 (Community Resource Persons and Volunteers), 7:220 (Bus Conduct), 7:300 (Extracurricular Athletics), 8:100 (Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies)

ADOPTED: May 17, 2005