

FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Security, Safety, and Emergency Procedures

General Safety

This policy supersedes Policy 7350.2.

I. PURPOSE

To establish a safety plan to provide for the safety and health of pupils, employees, and others while on school property and to redress risk and liability.

II. CONTENTS OF PLAN

The safety plan shall include procedures to follow in the event of fires, threats, hazardous materials exposures, and weather-related or other emergencies. There shall be procedures for such things as reporting student, employee, or citizen accidents; establishing and maintaining the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Act (VOSHA) standards; conducting safety audits; addressing environmental and health concerns; implementing crisis and security plans; and fulfilling other requirements for providing safe and healthful conditions.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. General Scope

Cluster assistant superintendents, principals, teachers, bus drivers, and others shall carry out their designated responsibilities to provide for the safety of pupils on school buses, on school premises, and under school jurisdiction. They shall be delegated commensurate authority to carry out such responsibilities.

The principal shall cooperate with the police in organizing appropriate measures such as establishing a school safety patrol force, which serves as a valuable aid to safety on and in the vicinity of school grounds.

B. Playgrounds

The principal shall ensure that adequate supervision is provided for scheduled and approved school playground programs. Special attention shall be given to the development of good citizenship habits to prevent accidents.

C. Fire

The principal and heads of other activities shall ensure that the fire alarm system is maintained, regular and emergency exits of all buildings are free of obstacles, fire prevention measures are enforced, and emergency drills and procedures by pupils and employees are properly executed.

Legal Reference: Code of Virginia, Sections 22.1-78, 22.1-137, 22.1-184, and 22.1-279.8

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