

SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM

The School Committee will manage matters of policy in order to maximize the safety and welfare of all students, employees, and visitors while in or on school property or at school-sponsored events.

The Committee will comply with safety requirements established by law and will insist that employees adhere to those safety practices in all aspects of their work in the schools.

The Superintendent will have overall responsibility for implementation of the safety programs of the school system and will see to that all staff members are kept informed about current state and local requirements relating to any safety-related issues or procedures. School safety efforts will place a strong emphasis on prevention using strategies that range from building design to discipline policies and programs that improve school climate, crisis and emergency management (preparedness and response), and recovery in order for students and staff to return to the normal learning environment as quickly as possible. Because school safety is part of overall community safety, the Superintendent or his/her designee will collaborate through the District Emergency Management Team and other means with the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Health Administrator, and other community organizations to plan for school safety.

The instructional program of the schools will include instruction on safety, including accident prevention, fire prevention, emergency procedures, traffic safety, bicycle and pedestrian safety and safety procedures relevant to any specific classroom activity. Building principals will meet all requirements for conducting practice drills to give students and employees practice in moving with orderly dispatch to designated areas in emergency conditions, or in evacuation of a building.

In consultation with the Town of Mansfield Police Chief, the Superintendent will establish and annually evaluate the School Resource Officer program.

As part of the District's overall safety program, the Superintendent will ensure that every school will possess and have access to a two-way communication device to be used solely for communicating with Town of Mansfield Police and Fire Departments during an emergency situation.

The Superintendent will develop and maintain an overall Emergency Management Plan, as outlined in Policy EBC, that meets the requirements of Committee expectations and state law for preparedness.

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LEGAL REFS: Multi-Hazard Evacuation Plan: Section 363 of Chapter 159 of the
 Acts of 2000

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Medical Emergency Response Plan: MGL C69, Section 8A
and as amended by Chapter 284 of the Acts of 2014
An Act Relative to the Reduction of Gun Violence: Chapter 284
of the Acts of 2014
An Act Relative to Bullying in Schools: Chapter 92 of the Acts of
2010

CROSS REFS: EBC, Crisis and Emergency Management Plans
EBCD, Emergency Closings
EEAE, School Bus Safety Program
GBGB, Staff Personal Security and Safety
IHAM, Health Education
JICFB and JICFB-R Bullying Prevention and Intervention
JL, Student Welfare
KLGA, School Resource Officer Program