

Pittsfield School District

**SCHOOL SAFETY**

The Board recognizes that effective learning and teaching takes place in a safe, secure, and welcoming environment and that safe schools contribute to improved attendance, increased student achievement, and community support. To that end, the Board directs the superintendent to develop a safe schools plan that includes:

1. Procedures that address the supervision and security of school buildings and grounds;
2. Procedures that address the safety and supervision of students during school hours and school-sponsored activities;
3. Procedures that address persons visiting school buildings and attending school-sponsored activities;
4. Training programs for staff and students in crisis prevention and management;
5. Training programs for staff and students in emergency response procedures that include practice drills;
6. Training programs for staff and students in how to recognize and respond to behavior or other information that may indicate impending violence or other safety problems;
7. Training and support for staff and students in how to recognize and respond to behavior or other information that may include impending violence or other safety problems;
8. Procedures for safe, confidential reporting of security and safety concerns at each school building;
9. Procedures for regular assessments by school security / safety professionals and law enforcement officers to evaluate the security needs of each school building and to provide recommendations for improvements if necessary;
10. Procedures for regular assessments by school climate professionals to determine whether students feel safe and to provide recommendations for improvements in school climate at each school building;
11. Procedures to provide for regular communications between district officials, law enforcement officers, fire department officials, town and county officials, and

local medical personnel to discuss crisis prevention and management strategies, including involvement of these parties in the development and revision of crisis prevention and management plans;

12. Training programs for staff and students in safety precautions and procedures related to fire prevention, natural disaster response, accident prevention, public health, traffic, bicycle and pedestrian safety, environmental hazards, civil defense, classroom and occupational safety, and special hazards associated with athletics and other extracurricular activities;
13. Procedures for the reporting of criminal activity to law enforcement; the dean of operations is responsible for the supervision and implementation of the safe school program in the district; the dean of operations shall submit annual, in the manner and by the date specified by the Department of Education, a written report concerning the learning environment in the schools during the school year; the report shall contain the information required by law.

(As policy EBB, Safety Procedures / Safe Schools Committee)

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