

Operational Services

Safety

Safety and Security

All District operations, including the education program, shall be conducted in a manner that will promote the safety and security of everyone on District property or at a District event. The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement, and maintain a comprehensive safety and security plan that includes, without limitation:

1. An emergency operations plan(s) addressing prevention, preparation, response, and recovery for each school;
2. Provisions for a coordinated effort with local law enforcement and fire officials, emergency medical services personnel, and the Board Attorney;
3. A school safety drill plan;
4. Instruction in safe bus riding practices; and
5. A clear, rapid, factual, and coordinated system of internal and external communication.

In the event of an emergency that threatens the safety of any person or property, students and staff are encouraged to follow the best practices discussed for their building regarding the use of any available cellular telephones.

The District may deny any request for public disclosure, inspection, or copying of the District's safety and security plan, where disclosure could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the effectiveness of the measures, the safety of the personnel who implement them, or the public.

School Safety Drill Plan

During every academic year, each school building that houses school children shall conduct, at a minimum, each of the following in accordance with the School Safety Drill Act, 105 ILCS 128/:

1. Three school evacuation drills
2. One bus evacuation drill
3. One severe weather and shelter-in-place drill
4. One law enforcement drill

Emergency Action Plan for Managing Sudden Cardiac Arrest During School Athletics

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a written emergency action plan for managing sudden cardiac arrest during school athletics. The Emergency Action Plan shall:

1. Be developed through discussions with local emergency medical services (EMS) personnel, school safety officials, on-site first responders, and school administrators.
2. Be specific to the sporting venue and include emergency communication, personnel, equipment and transportation to appropriate emergency facilities.
3. Require the Emergency Action Plan and Equipment be reviewed and practiced annually.
4. Require that targeted first responders be trained and certified in cardinal pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillation.
5. Require that any time any person on school property faints or otherwise loses consciousness, the appropriate school personnel will immediately contact EMS.
6. Require supplies for lockdown and evacuation procedures.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

The Superintendent or designee shall implement a plan with the District's local fire officials to:

1. Determine which school buildings to equip with approved *carbon monoxide alarms* or *carbon monoxide detectors*,
2. Locate the required carbon monoxide alarms or carbon monoxide detectors within 20 feet of a carbon monoxide emitting device, and
3. Incorporate carbon monoxide alarm or detector activation procedures into each school building that requires a carbon monoxide alarm or detector. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure each school building annually reviews these procedures.

Soccer Goal Safety

The Superintendent or designee shall implement the Movable Soccer Goal Safety Act in accordance with the guidance published by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Implementation of the Act shall be directed toward improving the safety of movable soccer goals by requiring that they be properly anchored.

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.

Emergency Closing

The Superintendent is authorized to close school(s) in the event of hazardous weather or other emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff members, or school property.

Annual Review

The Board or its designee will annually review each school building's safety and security plans, protocols, and procedures, as well as each building's compliance with the school safety drill plan.

AED Plan and Procedures

Pursuant to the Physical Fitness Facility Medical Emergency Procedures Act, 210 ILCS 74, a comprehensive AED Plan has been developed. Operational procedures are in place for training, responding, and maintenance of the AED devices. AED devices are located in each school building. Staff is notified of the location and procedures for use at the beginning of each school year.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

The Superintendent or designee shall implement a written plan for responding to medical emergencies at the District's physical fitness facilities in accordance with the Fitness Facility Medical Emergency Preparedness Act. The plan shall provide for an automated external defibrillator (AED) to be available according to State law requirements. This policy does not create an obligation to use an AED nor is it intended to create any expectation that an AED will be present or a trained person will be present and/or able to use an AED.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.2, 5/10-20.56, 5/18-12, 5/18-12.5, and 128/
210 ILCS 74/, Physical Fitness Facility Medical Emergency Preparedness Act.

CROSS REF.: 4:110 (Transportation), 4:175 (Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications), 4:180 (Pandemic Preparedness), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property), 8:100 (Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies)

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