

PARENTAL GUIDANCE FOR WATER SAFETY

The Superintendent, or designee, shall develop guidance for parents/guardians that promotes student safety in, on and around bodies of water and water infrastructure, including information about local options for age-appropriate swimming lessons and other water safety courses.

All schools in the District shall provide the parent(s)/guardian(s) of each student with the guidance developed upon the student's enrollment in a school or no later than the tenth (10th) school day of each school year. The guidance may be incorporated into a District-wide or school-specific handbook published for parents and students provided that the guidance is conspicuous and the school receives written acknowledgement of a parent's receipt of the handbook by the dates set forth above.

The Board encourages parents and guardians to review guidance with their children and to take an active role in teaching them about water safety. Promoting awareness and safe behaviors around water can help prevent accidents and save lives.

The guidance provided related to local options for age-appropriate swimming lessons and other water safety courses shall contain the following disclaimer or similar disclaimer:

Legal Disclaimer:

This guidance is provided in compliance with applicable legal requirements to inform families of local options for age-appropriate swimming lessons and water safety courses. The inclusion of providers or programs in this guidance does ***not*** constitute an endorsement or recommendation by the School District.

Please note that the School District does ***not*** review, vet, certify, or monitor any of the listed instructors, organizations, or programs. The District does not employ or contract with these instructors and no District background check has been conducted for these non-District affiliated instructors or providers. It is solely the responsibility of each parent or guardian to evaluate the qualifications, certifications, safety practices, and overall suitability of any provider they may choose for their child.

The School District assumes no responsibility or liability for any outcomes related to participation in any of the listed swimming or water safety programs.

Adopted: date of manual adoption

LEGAL REF.: (TBD) NMSA

CROSS REF.: CHCA - Handbooks and Directives

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