

## **Operational Services**

### **Safety** <sup>1</sup>

#### 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.<sup>2</sup> The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement, and maintain a comprehensive safety and security plan that includes, without limitation:

1. An emergency operations **and crisis response** plan(s) addressing prevention, preparation, response, and recovery for each school; <sup>3</sup>
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; <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> State law requires a policy on several topics in this policy (see f/n [5](#), [7](#), [8](#) & [9](#)) and otherwise controls this policy's content. Topics previously assigned to this code number were moved in May 2014 and placed in 4:100, *Insurance Management* and 4:175, *Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications*.

<sup>2</sup> This simple end statement should be discussed and altered accordingly before board adoption. Ask: what effect or impact will this statement have on the students and the community?

<sup>3</sup> **The term emergency operations and crisis response plan is used because federal agencies refer to school emergency operations plans and the School Safety Drill Act (105 ILCS 128/) refers to emergency and crisis response plans.**

See administrative procedure 4:170-AP1, *Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan*. This procedure follows the recommendations in the "*Guide for Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans*," produced by a collaboration of federal agencies in 2013, available at: [rems.ed.gov/docs/REMS\\_K-12\\_Guide\\_508.pdf](http://rems.ed.gov/docs/REMS_K-12_Guide_508.pdf). The *Guide* informs schools what they *need* to do, not *what* to do. It recommends a process for developing, implementing, and continually refining a school emergency operations plan as well as a discussion of its form, function, and content.

**The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) maintains a comprehensive website on school emergency and crisis response planning in compliance with the School Safety Drill Act and Joint Rules of the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Illinois State Board of Education (29 Ill.Admin.Code Part 1500), at [www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Emergency-and-Crisis-Response-Plan-Guide.aspx](http://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Emergency-and-Crisis-Response-Plan-Guide.aspx). ISBE's website includes a *Sample School Emergency Operations Plan* which aligns with the federal *Guide for Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans*.**

<sup>4</sup> Required by 105 ILCS 128/20(b) and 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14(c) for all students. See 4:110-AP3, *School Bus Safety Rules*.

<sup>5</sup> 105 ILCS 5/10-20.28. Consider discussing with local law enforcement what its preference would be and encourage staff and students to follow the recommendation. A wave of 911 cell phone calls can jam phone lines. Student use of cell phones is addressed in 7:190, *Student Behavior*.

## School Safety Drill Plan 6

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 to address and prepare students and school personnel for fire incidents. One of these three drills shall require the participation of the local fire department or district.
2. One bus evacuation drill.
3. One severe weather and shelter-in-place drill to address and prepare students and school personnel for possible tornado incidents.
4. One law enforcement drill to address a school shooting incident.

## Annual Review

The Board or its designee will annually review each school building's emergency operations and crisis response plan(s), protocols, and procedures, as well as each building's compliance with the school safety drill plan. This annual review shall be in accordance with the School Safety Drill Act (105 ILCS 128/) and the Joint Rules of the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Illinois State Board of Education (29 Ill.Admin.Code Part 1500). 7

## Automated External Defibrillator (AED) 8

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

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625 ILCS 5/12-610.1(e) prohibits wireless telephone use at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone except for: (1) highway construction or maintenance workers within their work zones; (2) any use for emergency purposes; (3) law enforcement officers or emergency responders performing their duties; (4) a person using a wireless telephone in voice-operated mode with or without use of a headset; and (5) a person with technology that uses a single button to initiate or terminate a voice communication; (e.g., HandsFreeLink®). 625 ILCS 5/12-813.1 limits cell phone use by school bus drivers; see policy 4:110, *Transportation*.

6 Each of the listed drills is required by the School Safety Drill Act, ~~105 ILCS 128/~~. Each drill's requirements are comprehensively covered in 4:170-API, *Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan*. For information about documenting minimum compliance with the School Safety Drill Act, see [www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Emergency-and-Crisis-Response-Plan-Guide.aspx](http://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Emergency-and-Crisis-Response-Plan-Guide.aspx).

105 ILCS 5/2-3.12(f) authorizes the Ill. State Fire Marshal or a qualified fire official to whom the Ill. State Fire Marshal has delegated his or her authority to conduct an annual fire safety inspection of each school building, provided the inspection is coordinated with the regional superintendent. See also 105 ILCS 5/3-14.21(c) and 23 Ill.Admin.Code §180.300(b). To effectively implement this law and ensure the education of students in the district is not disturbed, school officials should discuss with the State Fire Marshal and regional superintendent whether written notice may be provided to the principal requesting to schedule a mutually agreed upon time.

7 The School Safety Drill Act requires each school board or its designee to conduct one annual meeting at which it reviews each building's emergency and crisis response plan, protocols, and procedures and each building's compliance with the school safety drill plan. 105 ILCS 128/25 and 128/30; 29 Ill.Admin.Code Part 1500. If the board uses a designee, it should preferably be someone other than the District Safety Coordinator to assure an unbiased audit. The statute contains detailed requirements. The board or its designee must: (1) complete a one-page report certifying that the review took place, among other things; (2) send a copy of the report to each participating party; and (3) send a copy of the report to the appropriate Regional Superintendent. ISBE's website contains a suggested annual review checklist and a report form to document compliance at: [www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Emergency-and-Crisis-Response-Plan-Guide.aspx](http://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Emergency-and-Crisis-Response-Plan-Guide.aspx).

8 Each indoor and outdoor physical fitness facility serving at least 100 individuals must "adopt and implement a written plan for responding to medical emergencies that occur at the facility during the time that the facility is open for use by its members or by the public." The facility must file the plan with the Ill. Dept. of Public Health (IDPH). In addition, each indoor facility must have at least one AED on the premises, and each outdoor facility must house an AED in a building, if any, that is within 300 feet of the outdoor facility. See the statute and administrative rules for the other numerous mandates: 210 ILCS 74/4 (Physical Fitness Facility Medical Emergency Preparedness Act); 77 Ill.Admin.Code Part 527. Also see 4:170-AP6, *Plan for Responding to a Medical Emergency at a Physical Fitness Facility with an AED*.

Commented [MB1]: Added to more accurately reflect statutory requirements.

Commented [MB2]: Moved up to clearly indicate that the Annual Review subhead is related to the emergency operations and crisis response plan(s) and to the school safety drill plan.

Preparedness Act ~~and shall file a copy of the plan with the Ill. Dept. of Public Health (IDPH).~~ The plan shall provide for ~~at least one~~ automated external defibrillator (AED) to be available ~~at every physical fitness facility on the premises~~ according to State law requirements.

~~The District shall have an AED on site as well as a trained AED user: (1) on staff during staffed business hours; and (2) available during activities or events sponsored and conducted or supervised by the District.<sup>9</sup> The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that every AED on the District's premises is properly tested and maintained in accordance with rules developed by the IDPH.<sup>10</sup> 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.~~

#### Carbon Monoxide Alarms <sup>11</sup>

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 <sup>12</sup>

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~~IDPH. Implementation of the Act shall be directed toward improving the safety of movable soccer goals by requiring that they be properly anchored.

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<sup>9</sup> 77 Ill.Admin.Code §527.600(d), (f).

<sup>10</sup> 210 ILCS 74/15(c); 77 Ill.Admin.Code §527.700.

<sup>11</sup> 105 ILCS 5/10-20.567, added by P.A. 99-470 ~~and amended by P.A. 99-642~~. *Carbon monoxide detector* and *detector* mean a device having a sensor that responds to carbon monoxide gas and that is connected to an alarm control unit and approved in accordance with rules adopted by the Ill. State Fire Marshal. *Approved carbon monoxide alarm* or *alarm* means a carbon monoxide alarm that complies with all the requirements of the rules and regulations of the Ill. State Fire Marshal, bears the label of a nationally recognized testing laboratory, and complies with the most recent standards of the Underwriters Laboratories or the Canadian Standard Association, (430 ILCS 135/5).

**Consult both the board attorney and the local fire officials about whether a school building is exempt from this law.** Remove this subhead if the board attorney determines that every building across the entire school district is exempt. The law applies to school buildings that have or are close to any *sources of carbon monoxide*; however, it does not specifically define what that means. 430 ILCS 135/20 defines exemptions for residential units and may provide guidance on the exemption for schools. The law also fails to define *carbon monoxide emitting device*, which triggers the placement point in a school building for a carbon monoxide alarm or carbon monoxide detector.

<sup>12</sup> Include this section **only if** the school district owns and controls a movable soccer goal (Movable Soccer Goal Safety Act, a/k/a *Zach's Law*, 430 ILCS 145/9). The Act requires: (1) organizations that own and control a movable soccer goal to create a soccer goal safety and education policy that outlines how the organization will specifically address the safety issues associated with movable soccer goals; and (2) the ~~Ill. Dept. of Public Health~~IDPH to provide technical assistance materials, ~~which are available at: See [dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/prevention-wellness/injury-violence-prevention/soccer-goal-safety](http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/prevention-wellness/injury-violence-prevention/soccer-goal-safety).~~

### Unsafe School Choice Option 13

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.

### Lead Testing in Water 14

The Superintendent or designee shall implement testing for lead in each source of drinking water in school buildings in accordance with the Illinois Plumbing License Law and guidance published by the IDPH.15 The Superintendent or designee shall notify parent(s)/guardian(s) about the sampling results from their children's respective school buildings.16

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**13** This topic must be covered in board policy. ~~(105 ILCS 5/10-21.3a)~~. See also 20 U.S.C. §7912. ISBE maintains a list of persistently dangerous schools. Districts having only one school may substitute the following for this paragraph:

The unsafe school choice option provided in State law permits students to transfer to another school within the District in certain situations. This transfer option is unavailable in this District because the District has only one school or attendance center. A student, who would otherwise have qualified for the choice option, or such a student's parent/guardian, may request special accommodations from the Superintendent or designee.

Districts with each grade in only one attendance center may substitute the following for this paragraph:

The unsafe school choice option provided in State law permits students to transfer to another school within the District in certain situations. This transfer option is unavailable in this District because each grade is in only one attendance center. A student, who would otherwise have qualified for the choice option, or such a student's parent/guardian, may request special accommodations from the Superintendent or designee.

14 225 ILCS 320/35.5, added by P.A. 99-922 and amended by P.A. 100-103. Requires that each source of potable water in school buildings constructed on or before 1-1-00, which may be occupied by more than 10 children in grades pre-K through 5, be tested for lead. Testing for buildings constructed prior to 1-1-87 must be conducted by 12-31-17. 225 ILCS 320/35.5(c)(4). Testing for buildings constructed between 1-2-87 and 1-1-00 must be conducted by 12-31-18. Id. By 6-30-19, the IDPH will determine whether it is necessary and appropriate to require testing for buildings constructed after 1-1-00. 225 ILCS 320/35.5(d).

Boards may, by resolution, use excess taxes levied for fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, and school security purposes for sampling lead in drinking water in schools and for repair and mitigation due to lead levels in the drinking water supply. 105 ILCS 5/17-2.11(j)(1), amended by P.A. 99-922.

15 225 ILCS 320/35.5(e) requires the IDPH to post on its website guidance on mitigation actions for lead in drinking water, and ongoing water management practices, in schools. On 5-9-17, the IDPH posted *Mitigation Strategies for Lead Found in School Drinking Water* at: [www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/publications/school-lead-mitigation-strategies-050917.pdf](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/publications/school-lead-mitigation-strategies-050917.pdf). **Note:** Page 2 of *Mitigation Strategies* states "IDPH is requiring the mitigation strategies and requirements contained in this guidance document to be followed for all plumbing fixtures identified with any level of lead," however the statute does not authorize the IDPH to impose such additional requirements.

16 If any samples taken in the school exceed five parts per billion, a district must provide individual notification of sampling results, via written or electronic communication, to parent(s)/guardian(s) of all enrolled students that must include: (1) the corresponding sampling location within the school building; and (2) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's website for information about lead in drinking water at: [www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water](http://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water). 225 ILCS 320/35.5(c)(3). If any samples taken in the school are at or below five parts per billion, notification may be made in the same manner or by posting on the school's website. Id.

### 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. <sup>17</sup>

- LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.2, 5/10-20.56, 5/18-12, ~~and 5/18-12.5,~~ and 105 ILCS 128/, School Safety Drill Act, implemented by 29 Ill.Admin.Code Part 1500.  
210 ILCS 74/, Physical Fitness Facility Medical Emergency Preparedness Act.  
225 ILCS 320/35.5, Ill. Plumbing License Law.
- 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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~~<sup>17</sup> When a school is closed or its starting time is delayed due to adverse weather conditions or a health or safety threat, the district may count a partial day of attendance as a full day for State aid purposes, provided: (1) at least one hour of instruction was provided or the normal start time was delayed; and (2) the superintendent provides the Regional Superintendent or the Suburban Cook County Intermediate Service Center, whichever is appropriate, with a written report in support of the partial day within 30 days. {105 ILCS 5/18-12}.~~

~~105 ILCS 5/18-12.5 governs claiming state aid if a district closes one or more schools, but not all schools, during the public health emergency, as determined by ISBE in consultation with the IDPH/Il. Dept. of Public Health.~~