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Operational Services

Safety

Safety Program

All MVSEC operations, including the education program, shall be conducted in a manner that will promote the safety of everyone on Cooperative property or at a Cooperative event.

The Executive Director or designee shall develop and implement a comprehensive safety and crisis plan incorporating both avoidance and management guidelines. The comprehensive safety and crisis plan shall specifically include provisions for: injury prevention; bomb threats, weapons, and explosives on campus; school safety drill program; tornado protection; instruction in safe bus riding practices; emergency aid; post-crisis management; and, responding to medical emergencies at an indoor and outdoor physical fitness facility. The term "physical fitness facility" excludes any activity or program organized by a private or not-for-profit organization and organized and supervised by a person or persons other than the employees of the school. During each academic year, each school building that houses school children must conduct a minimum of:

1. Three school evacuation drills,
2. One bus evacuation drill, ~~and~~
3. One severe weather and shelter-in-place drill, ~~and~~
4. One law enforcement drill. ~~The Executive Director or appropriate designee must conduct a law enforcement drill in one of the Cooperative's school buildings during the academic year. Any appropriate local law enforcement agency may conduct and participate in this law enforcement drill.~~

The law enforcement drill must be conducted according to the Cooperative's comprehensive safety and crisis plan ~~and it, with the participation of the appropriate law enforcement agency.~~ This drill may be conducted on days and times that students are not present in the building.

In the event of an emergency that threatens the safety of any person or property, students and staff are encouraged to use any available cellular telephone.

The Executive Director 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 moveable soccer goals by requiring that they be properly anchored.

Convicted Child Sex Offender and Notification Laws

State law prohibits a child sex offender from being present on school property or loitering within 500 feet of school property when persons under the age of 18 are present, unless the offender meets either of the following two exceptions:

1. The offender is a parent/guardian of a student attending the school and has notified the Building Principal of his or her presence at the school for the purpose of: (i) attending a conference with school personnel to discuss the progress of his or her child academically or socially, (ii) participating in child review conferences in which evaluation and placement decisions may be made with respect to his or her child regarding special education services, or (iii) attending conferences to discuss other student issues concerning his or her child such as retention and promotion; or

Comment [AKL1]:

UPDATE 1: Pursuant to feedback, our interpretation of the requirements for the law enforcement drill in the School Safety Drill Act has evolved. We added the law enforcement drill to the list of drills that each school building that houses school children must conduct.
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Comment [AKL2]:

UPDATE 2: This change to the policy is required *only* by those school districts that own and control a movable soccer goal. The Movable Soccer Goal Safety Act, P.A. 97-234, 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. Department of Public Health to provide technical assistance materials no later than June 30, 2012. We will publish a new procedure based on the Department of Public Health's technical guidance.
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2. The offender received permission to be present from the Advisory Board, Executive Director, or Executive Director's designee. If permission is granted, the Executive Director or Board Chairperson shall provide the details of the offender's upcoming visit to the Building Principal.

In all cases, the Executive Director, or designee who is a certified employee, shall supervise a child sex offender whenever the offender is in a child's vicinity.

If a student is a sex offender, the Executive Director or designee shall develop guidelines for managing his or her presence in school.

The Executive Director shall develop procedures for the distribution and use of information from law enforcement officials under the Sex Offender Community Notification Law and the Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community Notification Law. The Executive Director or designee shall serve as the Cooperative contact person for purposes of these laws. The Executive Director and Building Principal shall manage a process for schools to notify the parents/guardians during school registration that information about sex offenders is available to the public as provided in the Sex Offender Community Notification Law. This notification must occur during school registration and at other times as the Executive Director or Building Principal determines advisable.

All contracts with the Cooperative that may involve an employee or agent of the contractor having any contact, direct or indirect, with a student, shall contain the following:

The contractor shall not send to any school building or school property any employee or agent who would be prohibited from being employed by the Cooperative due to a conviction of a crime listed in 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9, or who is listed in the Statewide Sex Offender Registry or the Statewide Violent Offender Against Youth Database. The contractor shall obtain a fingerprint-based criminal history records check before sending any employee or agent to any school building or school property. Additionally, at least quarterly, the contractor shall check if an employee or agent is listed on the Statewide Sex Offender Registry or the Statewide Violent Offender Against Youth Database.

Emergency Closing

The Executive Director is authorized to close the schools in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies that threaten the safety of students, staff members, or school property.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.28, ~~5/10-21.3a~~ 21B-80, 5/10-21.9, and 128/
210 ILCS 74/
625 ILCS 5/12-813.1.
720 ILCS 5/11-9.3.
730 ILCS 152/101 et seq.

CROSS REF.: 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 6:190 (Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities), 6:250 (Community Resource Persons and Volunteers), 7:220 (Bus Conduct), 7:300 (Extracurricular Athletics), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property), 8:100 (Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies)

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