

POLICY 2180

School Facility Emergency and Safety

- A. Safe buildings, grounds, and equipment shall be maintained in order to prevent accidents or injury to health of students, employees, and other citizens from fire, natural disasters, mechanical and electrical malfunction, and avoidable hazards.
- B. Buildings shall be planned, equipped, and maintained in accordance with appropriate local, state, and federal construction safety regulations.

[Utah Admin. Rules R392-200](#)
[Utah Admin. Rules R277-471](#)

- C. Buildings shall maintain systems to detect fire, carbon monoxide, and to prevent, mitigate, suppress, monitor and notify occupants of building risks to assure a safe environment as required by law.

[Utah Admin. Rules R392-200](#)
[Utah Admin. Rules R277-471](#)

- D. All school lunchrooms, dining areas, and food preparation areas shall be maintained in accordance with Utah Department of Health requirements and local health department regulations. Any food provided by the school shall be obtained, transported, and served from approved sources according to Utah Department of Health regulations.

[Utah Admin. Rules R392-200](#)

- E. Proper supervision of students and other citizens using the building shall be required at all times.
- F. All school buildings and appurtenances to buildings shall be maintained in a sanitary manner, and all full-time building custodians and janitors shall be trained to perform their duties. All chemicals used for cleaning shall be stored in a secured/locked location and when being used shall be closely monitored by custodians to assure that students do not have access to, or exposure to, harmful or noxious chemicals.

[Utah Admin. Rules R392-200](#)

- G. The District shall establish general criteria for both emergency preparedness and emergency response plans required of schools in the event of an emergency, including

prevention, intervention, and response measures to prepare staff and students to respond promptly and appropriately to school emergencies.

In the event of a major disaster situation, which requires a Declaration of Disaster, the Superintendent or designee may issue a supplemental disaster declaration. All employees shall be responsible during the declared period to help provide for the safety and well-being of students until they are accounted for and released from school; employees are similarly accounted for; and key and essential assigned tasks are accomplished. Employees so designated shall serve in this capacity until released by the Superintendent or designee.

Employees are strongly encouraged to take all steps necessary to provide for the well-being of their family in advance of any major disaster. This will hopefully moderate fears and concerns sufficient to permit rapid and effective completion of assigned tasks to insure the well-being of students and staff.

[Utah Admin. Rules R277-400-3](#)

- H. Fire and earthquake drills will be conducted in accordance with State guidelines and [Utah Admin. Rules 277-400-6](#).
- I. The District is required to minimize in school buildings and on school grounds the presence of pests that may carry disease, may carry allergens likely to affect individuals with allergies or respiratory problems, or may sting or bite causing mild to serious reactions. The District shall establish integrated pest management practices and principles to prevent unacceptable levels of pest activities in school buildings and school grounds with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment. The District shall establish a written integrated pest management plan meeting the requirements of Utah Department of Health regulations. (This may be provided by a pest management contractor.)

[Utah Admin. Rules R392-200](#)

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