

## Students

### Student Safety

The Board of Education (Board) shall strive to build safe, supportive, and academically challenging school learning environments in partnership with students, staff members and families. The Board shall develop and adopt a mission statement that promotes a safe and secure environment for learning. Such mission statement shall emphasize respect, caring, and high academic achievement.

The Board shall ensure that all facilities, grounds, equipment, and vehicles meet acceptable injury and violence prevention standards for design, installation, use and maintenance.

Student safety shall be a priority of all school district personnel through close supervision of students in all school buildings and grounds and through special attention to:

1. Maintenance of safe school environments.
2. Safe practices by school personnel and students - particularly in instructional areas or in extracurricular activities presenting special hazards.
3. Development of school programs and activities consistent with appropriate abilities and limitations of students at each age level.
4. Offering safety education to students germane to particular subjects, such as laboratory courses in science, industrial arts, and health and physical education.
5. Appropriate first aid care for students in case of accident or sudden illness.
6. Crisis intervention counseling in the event of emotional crisis or trauma.
7. Adequacy of emergency response procedures at each school in the District.
8. Development, adoption and implementation of policies and regulations that are designed to promote health and safety and prevent unintended injury, harassment, bullying and other forms of violence. Such code shall prohibit the use and possession of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and weapons and dangerous instruments at school.
9. Creating a partnership between schools, local law enforcement and appropriate community agencies, including mental health, to prevent and reduce school violence.

The district crisis team, in concert with the crisis team in each school building, will address building emergencies such as fire, bomb threats, building intruders, or death of a student or staff member. The Chairperson of the Board of Education shall have an updated list of the school and district crisis team members maintained by the Superintendent.

- (cf. [5135](#) - Drugs/Alcohol and Tobacco)
- (cf. 5146 - Child Abuse and Neglect)
- (cf. 5147 - Suicide Prevention)
- (cf. 5143 - Student Health Assessments and Immunizations)
- (cf. [5144](#) - Administering Medications)
- (cf. 5145 - Communicable and Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5434 - Health Records)

(cf. [6146](#) - Family Life and Sex Education)

(cf. [6114](#) - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness)

(cf. 6114.7 - Safe Schools)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
[10-220f](#) Safety committee.

Policy adopted: September 8, 2003

Policy revised: May 20, 2013