



Book	Policy Manual
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Title	Safety
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### **Purpose**

The Board recognizes that district facilities must be maintained and operated in a condition that is safe for students, staff and visitors.

### **Authority**

The Board directs that a district-wide safety program shall be maintained to ensure a safe and secure environment for all students, staff and visitors as well as to protect district buildings, equipment and property. The safety program shall provide: instruction for students and staff in safety and accident prevention; protective devices where they are required for safety; and suitable and safe equipment necessary for the conduct of the educational program and operation of the schools.

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and present to the Board for its approval a school safety plan that addresses school safety issues and prevention of accidents and fire and includes applicable requirements of law and regulations.

The Superintendent or designee shall:

1. Ensure curriculum to instruct students in safety and fire prevention.[\[1\]](#)
2. Provide required drills to instruct students in safety procedures.[\[2\]](#)[\[1\]](#)
3. Review and evaluate annually district safety rules and plans.

Administrators shall inform all staff and students of school safety rules at the beginning of the school year.

### **Guidelines**

#### Certified Safety Committee

A safety committee shall be established to promote the district's goals concerning safe schools. It shall be the responsibility of the safety committee to:[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)

1. Evaluate the current district safety program.

2. Conduct periodic inspections to locate and identify safety and health hazards.

3. Review incident and accident report and investigation forms.

4. Evaluate for effectiveness newly implemented safety equipment or health and safety procedures.

The safety committee shall meet monthly, and minutes shall be taken and maintained.

All decisions of the committee shall be by majority vote of members present.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all committee members are adequately trained.

Legal

1. 24 P.S. 1518

2. 24 P.S. 1517

4. 77 P.S. 1038.2

5. 34 PA Code 129.1001 et seq

24 P.S. 510

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