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CANDIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SAFE SCHOOLS

The Board recognizes that effective learning and teaching takes place in a safe, secure and welcoming environment and that safe schools contribute to improved attendance, increased student achievement and community support. To that end, the Board directs the superintendent, following consultation with the district parents, teachers, administrators, students, public safety officials, and when appropriate, members of the community, to develop a safe schools plan that includes:

1. Procedures that address the supervision and security of school buildings and grounds.

2. Procedures that address the safety and supervision of students during school hours and school-sponsored activities.

3. Procedures that address persons visiting school buildings and attending school-sponsored activities.

4. Training programs for staff and students in crisis prevention and management.

5. Training programs for staff and students in emergency response procedures that include practice drills.

6. Training programs for staff and students in how to recognize and respond to behavior or other information that may indicate impending violence or other safety problems.

7. Training and support for students that aim to relieve the fear, embarrassment and peer pressure associated with reporting behavior that may indicate impending violence or other safety problems.

8. Procedures for safe, confidential reporting of security and safety concerns at the school building.

9. Procedures for regular assessments by school security/safety professionals and law enforcement officers to evaluate the security needs of the school building and to provide recommendations for improvements if necessary.

10. Procedures for regular assessments by school climate professionals to determine whether students feel safe and to provide recommendations for improvements in school climate at each district building.

11. Procedures to provide for regular communications between district officials, law enforcement officers, fire department officials, city and county officials and local medical personnel to discuss crisis prevention and management strategies, including involvement by these parties in the development and revision of crisis prevention and management plans.

12. Training programs for staff and students in safety precautions and procedures related to fire prevention, natural disaster response, accident prevention, public health, traffic, bicycle and pedestrian safety, environmental hazards, civil defense, classroom and occupational safety, and special hazards associated with athletics and other extracurricular activities.

13. Procedures for the reporting of criminal activity to law enforcement. The building principal shall be responsible for the supervision and implementation of the safe school program at his or her school. The principal shall submit annually, in the manner and by the date specified by the State Board of Education, a written report to the Board of Education concerning the learning environment in the school during that school year. The report shall contain, at a minimum, the information required by law.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent or designee to compile the annual safety reports from the principal and submit the compilation to the Department of Education. The report shall be made available to the public upon request.

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Legal References:
RSA 193-D, RSA 193-F,
NH Admin Rule. Sec. Ed. 306.04(a)(2)