

## **School Safety Policy**

Accidents are undesirable, unplanned occurrences that can result in tragic consequences bodily harm, loss of school time, property damage, legal action, and even fatality. The School Committee will guard against such occurrences by taking reasonable and appropriate precautions to protect the safety of all students, employees, visitors and others present on school property or at school-sponsored events.

The School Committee will comply with safety requirements established by governmental authorities and will insist that its staff adhere to recommended safety practices as these pertain, for example, to the school plant, special areas of instruction, student transportation, school sports and occupational safety.

The practice of safety will also be considered a facet of the instructional program of the schools. Instruction will include accident prevention as well as fire prevention; emergency procedures; traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian safety.

The Superintendent will have overall responsibility for the safety program of the school system. It will be the responsibility of the Superintendent to see that appropriate staff members are kept informed of current state and local requirements relating to fire prevention, civil defense, sanitation, public health, and occupational safety. The District shall develop a comprehensive framework to provide Principals with guidelines in developing emergency procedures and which will be shared annually with staff. District officials and Principals will work with town safety officers in developing school safety plans.

Efforts directed toward the prevention of accidents will succeed only to the degree that all staff members recognize that preventing accidents is a daily operational responsibility.

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