

1.5100-4.3000-7.2700 SCHOOL SAFETY

Legal References: G.S. 14-208.18, 115C-36, -47, ~~115C-105.475, -307, -391, -391.1, -524~~

Safe schools are critical to creating a learning environment in which all students can be successful. Staff and students share in the responsibility for taking reasonable precautions and safety measures to create and maintain a safe school. The following safety measures must be implemented at Falls Lake Academy.

I. SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

Students must be reasonably supervised while in the care and custody of the school. This supervision must occur throughout school hours, including during class, between classes, on the playground, during recess or lunch periods, during authorized school trips, and while traveling to and from school events.

II. SUPERVISION OF VISITORS

FLA administrators shall strictly enforce all Board policies relating to volunteers and visitors on the FLA campus, at all times.

III. CARE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The chief administrator of Falls Lake Academy shall inspect the school buildings and grounds on a regular basis for health, fire and safety hazards. The chief administrator must notify the Board chair or chair of the Board's Facilities Committee immediately of repairs needed in order to meet safety standards.

Any staff member who observes any potential hazard must immediately notify his/her Principal.

Proper signs indicating potential danger must be posted wherever appropriate.

The chief administrator must provide copies of floor plans of all school buildings and site plans showing campus boundaries and access points to local law enforcement and emergency management agencies.

IV. ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS POTENTIAL SAFETY CONCERNS

A. Safe School Plan: The Principal shall direct the development of a Safe School Plan which shall be reviewed and updated (and/or revised) annually by the school staff and Parent Advisory Council. The Plan shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, provisions for the following:

- management of disruptive and/or dangerous student behavior, and on-site training for same for key personnel;
- procedures for the safe conduct of students to and from the building(s), fields, playgrounds, parking lots, pick-up and drop-off areas, and on and off the school property;
- fire and emergency weather procedures and provisions for student drills to ensure familiarity with procedures that might well keep them safe in the event of such emergencies;

- campus lockdown and evacuation procedures and drills;
- procedures to ensure student safety when leaving school before the end of the day and when arriving at school after the day begins;
- procedures for student handling of potentially dangerous equipment and materials;
- procedures for the handling and management of sudden medical emergencies affecting both students and staff members, as well as on-campus visitors;
- procedures for ongoing staff training in CPR, use of portable defibrillators and other standard emergency equipment, and other such specialized knowledge and skill as the Principal, the PAC, the staff, and/or the Board shall deem necessary and advisable;
- the use of approved and authorized volunteers as security patrol personnel at key times and during special events, and training for same;
- safe workplace guidelines and expectations for the staff; and
- management of visitors' access to students, facilities, and staff while on-campus as well as procedures to document their presence and activities during visits.

B. School Rules and Training: The Principal shall establish a written set of rules to help prevent accidents in buildings, on school grounds, or on the playgrounds. Staff training shall include instruction in being alert and able to recognize and respond to behavior, information, and related indicators which warn of impending problems. In addition, as a part of instruction, school personnel shall teach and review with students the school's' safety procedures and precautions for handling chemicals or potentially dangerous equipment and for responding to threats to school safety.

Each school shall practice emergency drills on a regular basis.

C. Reporting Suspicious Behavior: Students should notify any staff member of any acts of violence, harassment, bullying or any other unusual or suspicious behavior that may endanger anyone's safety. Ongoing student education efforts will aim at minimizing any fear, peer pressure, embarrassment, or other impediments to students reporting potential problems.

Maintaining a safe school environment that is conducive to learning also requires the school's staff to be proactive in dealing with violence, harassment, and bullying. Staff members must report immediately to the Principal any information reported by a student or their own observation of unusual or suspicious behavior or acts of violence, harassment or bullying. The Principal is required to investigate and act upon any reports of such behavior including, when appropriate, reporting criminal activities to law enforcement and the Board chair.

V. REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

The principal shall register the school with the North Carolina Sex Offender and Public Protection Registry to receive e-mail notification when a registered sex offender moves within a one-mile radius of the school.

VI. STUDENT BEHAVIOR STANDARDS

Students are expected to meet all behavior standards set forth in the Board policies. *Cross Reference Board Policy 4.3600 _ Student Code of Conduct.*