Operational Services

Safety

Safety and Security

All District operations, including the education program, shall be conducted in a manner that will promote the safety and security of everyone on District property or at a District event. The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement, and maintain a comprehensive safety and security plan that includes, without limitation:

1. An emergency operations plan(s) addressing prevention, preparation, response, and recovery for each school; **3**

2. Provisions for a coordinated effort with local law enforcement and fire officials, emergency medical services personnel, and the Board Attorney;

3. A school safety drill plan;

4. Instruction in safe bus riding practices; **4** and

5. A clear, rapid, factual, and coordinated system of internal and external communication.

In the event of an emergency that threatens the safety of any person or property, students, faculty and staff are encouraged to follow the best practices discussed for their building regarding the use of any available cellular telephones.

School Safety Drill Plan

During every academic year, each school building that houses school children shall conduct, at a minimum, each of the following in accordance with the School Safety Drill Act, 105 ILCS 128/:

1. Three school evacuation drills

2. One bus evacuation drill

3. One severe weather and shelter-in-place drill

4. One law enforcement drill

Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

The Superintendent or designee shall implement a written plan for responding to medical emergencies at the District's physical fitness facilities in accordance with the Fitness Facility Medical Emergency Preparedness Act. The plan shall provide for an automated external defibrillator (AED) to be

available according to State law requirements. This policy does not create an obligation to use an AED nor is it intended to create any expectation that an AED will be present or a trained person will be present and/or able to use an AED.

Soccer Goal Safety

The Superintendent or designee shall implement the Movable Soccer Goal Safety Act in accordance with the guidance published by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Implementation of the Act shall be directed toward improving the safety of moveable soccer goals by requiring that they be properly anchored.

Unsafe School Choice Option

The unsafe school choice option provided in state law allows students to transfer to another District school or to a public charter school within the District.
The transfer option is not available in this District because each grade is offered only in one attendance center and there are no public charter schools in the District. A student who would otherwise have qualified for the choice option may request special accommodations from the Superintendent or designee.

Emergency Closing

The Superintendent is authorized to close the school in the event of hazardous weather or other emergency that threatens the safety of students, faculty, staff members, or school property.

Annual Review

The School Board or its designee will annually review each school building's safety and security plans, protocols, and procedures, as well as each building's compliance with the school safety drill plan.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.2, 5/18-12.5, and 128/.
210 ILCS 74/. Physical Fitness Facility Medical Emergency Preparedness Act.

CROSS REF.: 4:110 (Transportation), 4:175 (Convicted Child Sex Offender; Criminal Background Check and/or Screen; Notifications), 4:180 (Pandemic Preparedness), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property), 8:100 (Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies)