

AVON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROPERTY

TITLE: SAFETY

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1. Purpose	The Board recognizes that district facilities must be maintained and operated in a condition that is safe for students, staff and visitors.
2. 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.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent or designee shall prepare rules governing school safety and the prevention of accidents and fire which shall include the requirements of law and the applicable regulations of various departments of State government.
	The Superintendent or designee shall:
SC 1518	(1- 4) Ensure curriculum to instruct students in safety and fire prevention.
SC1518	(2- 4) Provide required drills to instruct students in safety procedures.
	(3- 4) 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.
<u>SC 1517, 1518 Board Policy 805</u>	<u>Disaster response, emergency preparedness plan, fire, and bus evacuation drills shall be held in accordance with Board Policy 805, Emergency Preparedness.</u>
	Responsibility for developing, directing, and coordinating all safety policies and activities rests with the district Safety Committee. The success of the accident prevention program depends on the continuing and sincere efforts of all members of the school district.

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<p>4. Guidelines <u>77 P.S. §</u> <u>See-1038.2</u> <u>34 Pa. Code §§</u> <u>129.1001 et. seq</u></p> <p><u>School CodeSC</u> 510, 1518</p> <p>77 P.S. Sec. 1038.2</p> <p>Board Policy 805</p>	<p><u>District Safety Committee/Certified Safety Committee</u></p> <p>The District Safety Committee shall oversee the implementation of the Safety Policy, encourage safety awareness, investigate accidents, conduct inspections, and make recommendations concerning safety-related concerns. The committee members shall be approved by the Superintendent and should represent a cross-section of the district staff. The chairperson of the committee shall be the Business Manager. The District Safety Committee shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluate the current district safety program. 2. Conduct periodic inspections to locate and identify safety and health hazards. 3. Review incident and accident reports and investigation forms. 4. Evaluate for effectiveness newly implemented safety equipment or health and safety procedures. 5. Promote safety awareness throughout the district. 6. Implement required safety programs as mandated by the government. 7. Organize and/or provide a safety-training program for the staff. 8. Review appropriate procedures and recommend changes as necessary. <p>The safety committee shall meet six (6) times per year, or as needed.</p> <p>All decisions of the committee shall be by majority vote of members present.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all committee members are adequately trained.</p> <p><u>School Safety Committee</u></p> <p>Each district school shall have a safety committee that will assist with the implementation of the Safety Policy. This committee will interface with the District Safety Committee and will promote safety awareness within each school. Elementary school safety committees shall include three (3) – five (5) members. Secondary school safety committees will be appointed by the principal and will include <u>at a minimum</u>, the principal, head custodian and school nurse. The</p>
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<p><u>34 Pa. Code §§ 129.1001 et. seq</u></p>	<p>chairperson of the school safety committee will be designated by the principal.</p> <p><u>Department of Labor & Industry Certification</u></p> <p><u>In the event the District elects to apply for certification of the District's Safety Committee, if any inconsistency exists between this policy and administrative rule 705AR and the Department of Labor & Industry's regulations, the Department of Labor & Industry's regulations shall control.</u></p>
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