

COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY AND SECURITY

It is the policy of the Kingston City School District to provide a safe and secure environment for all students, staff, and visitors, who lawfully enter upon District property, or who travel in District or contracted vehicles on district business or for school-sponsored activities.

It will be the responsibility of the Superintendent, or his/her designee, to establish and implement written regulations to address the safety and security of the district in accordance with federal and state laws, regulations and codes.

Student Safety

All staff who are made aware of physical and/or verbal threats to students must immediately report these threats against students to the next level of supervisory authority for prompt action. The immediate supervisor must then inform the Superintendent/designee, inclusive of any action taken, after learning of such threats to students.

The district shall disseminate this policy to all employees in order to ensure staff awareness.

School Safety Plans

The District has developed, and will update as necessary by July 1 of each succeeding year, a comprehensive Districtwide School Safety Plan and Building-Level School Safety Plans, as enumerated in Education Law and Commissioner's Regulations, and in a form as prescribed by the Commissioner of Education. These plans will be designed to prevent or minimize the effect of serious violent incidents and emergencies, and to facilitate the coordination of schools and the School District with local and county resources in the event of such incidents or emergencies.

The Board of Education will adopt the Districtwide and building-level school safety plans in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article 55, Section 2801-a(6) of the laws of New York State.

The District shall file a copy of its comprehensive Districtwide school safety plan and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Education no later than thirty (30) days after their adoption. A copy of each building-level school safety plan and any amendments thereto shall be filed with the appropriate local law enforcement agency and with the state police within thirty (30) days of its adoption. Building-level emergency response plans shall be confidential and shall NOT be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Law or any other provision of law.

Crisis Response (Post Incident Response)

Effective and responsible communication following a crisis is critical. Therefore, the District shall develop and maintain a crisis response team, and identify a media spokesperson who will be briefed on all details. This spokesperson shall be the Superintendent or his/her designee.

Fire Drills, Bomb Threats and Bus Emergency Drills

The Superintendent will establish protocols and regulations to conduct fire drills, bus emergency drills, and to respond to bomb threats to ensure the safety of all staff, students, and visitors to the district.

Cardiac Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in Public School Facilities

The School District shall provide and maintain on-site in each occupied school facility functional cardiac automated external defibrillator (AED) equipment, as defined in Public Health Law Section 3000-b for use during emergencies.

Where a school-sponsored competitive athletic event is held at a site other than a School District facility, School District officials shall assure that AED equipment is provided on-site by the sponsoring or host district, and that at least one staff person who is trained, in accordance with Public Health Law, in the operation and use of the AED is present during such athletic events.

The School District will train at least two persons per occupied school facility in the operation and use of the AED equipment, and ensure the immediate calling of 911 whenever the AED is used. Pursuant to Public Health Law Section 3000-a and 3000-b, the School District or any employee or other agent of the School District, who, in accordance with the provisions of law, voluntarily and without expectation of monetary compensation, renders emergency medical or first aid treatment using an AED to a person who is unconscious, ill or injured, shall not be liable for damages for injury or death unless caused by gross negligence.

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