

Operational Services

Safety

It is the policy of Community Unit School District 200 to promote a safe environment for its students and employees. The school district is committed to working with its students and employees to maintain an environment free from violence, threats of violence, harassment, intimidation and other disruptive behavior.

Crisis Management Plan

The school district will develop and maintain a crisis management plan in each school and the district office. The comprehensive safety and crisis plan shall specifically include provisions for injury prevention; bomb threats, weapons, and explosives; fire emergency and drill procedures; tornado protection; instruction in safe bus riding practices; emergency aid; post-crisis management; building intruders; missing students; and responding to medical emergencies at an indoor physical fitness facility. There shall be at least 3 full participation exit drills during the regular school term. An exit drill shall be conducted early during the school term and the remaining drills should be scheduled so as to avoid severe winter weather.

Safety Program

The Superintendent shall develop guidelines implementing a comprehensive safety program which includes a systematic method for identifying and evaluating risks and the provision of first aid and emergency care.

The Building Principal shall develop and implement:

1. a plan for student supervision,
2. a safety patrol program,
3. bicycle use rules,
4. roadway and parking rules, and
5. safe walk route.

Convicted Child Sex Offender and Notification Laws

State law prohibits a child sex offender from being present on school property or loitering on a public way within 500 feet of school property when persons under the age of 18 are present, unless the offender is: (1) a parent/guardian of a student present on school property, or (2) has permission to be present from the School Board, Superintendent or his/her designee. If permission is granted, the Superintendent or Board president shall provide the details of the offender's upcoming visit to the Building Principal. In all cases,

the Superintendent or designee, who is a certified employee, shall supervise a sex offender whenever the offender is in a child's vicinity.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the distribution and use of information from law enforcement officials under the Child Sex Offender and Murderer Community Notification Law. The Superintendent or designee shall serve as the District contact person for purposes of this law. Non-staff members, as well as staff members who are not designated as information recipients, shall be referred to the law enforcement agencies for information regarding child sex offenders.

All contracts with the District that may involve an employee or agent of the contractor having any contact, direct or indirect, with a student, shall contain the following:

The contractor shall not send to any school building or school property any employee or agent who would be prohibited from being employed by the District due to a conviction of a crime listed in 105ILCS 5/10-21.9. The contractor shall obtain a criminal history background check before sending any employee or agent to any school building or school property. Additionally, at least quarterly, the contractor shall contact the local law enforcement authority where each employee or agent resides to determine if the employee is on the list of registered felons who have committed child sex offenses.

Unsafe School Choice Option

The unsafe school choice option allows students to transfer to another District school. This option is available to:

1. All students attending a persistently dangerous school, as defined by State law and identified by Illinois State Board of Education.
2. Any student who is a victim of a violent criminal offense, as defined by 725 ILCS 120/3, that occurred on school grounds during regular school hours or during a school-sponsored event.

Student Insurance

The Board of Education shall annually designate a company to offer student accident insurance coverage. The Board does not endorse the plan nor recommend that parents secure the coverage and any contract is between the parent and the company. Every student who participates in athletics, cheerleading, or pompons must have school accident insurance unless they are covered under a family health insurance plan.

School Bus Safety

Students shall be provided with instruction in safe bus riding practices at least twice during each school year. The instruction shall include at least 2 emergency evacuations, as well as the operation and use of the emergency door, windows (as a means of escape), and fire extinguisher.

Emergency Closing

The Superintendent is authorized to close the schools in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies which threaten the safety of students, staff members, or school property.

Education and Inservice Training

In order to maintain a safe school environment, it is the district's responsibility to provide safety and security education and training for its students and staff. The district also has the responsibility for conducting security inventories of its buildings and to make modifications to the building as indicated by that audit.

Individual Responsibility

All students and employees of District 200 are responsible for maintaining a safe school and workplace environment. Any student or employee who observes or experiences violence, a threat of violence, harassment, intimidation or other disruptive behavior, should report such behavior immediately to the appropriate teacher or administrator. All reports of potential or actual incidents will be taken seriously and will be investigated and responded to in an appropriate manner.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.22, 5/10-20.23, and 5/27-26 [Ill. Rev. Stat., ch. 122, ¶¶ 10-20.22, 10-20.23 and 27-26].

41 Ill. Admin. Code, § 110.20.

Illinois Rules and Regulations for Fire Drills in Schools, 5 Ill. Reg. 10676.

CROSS REF.: 5.270, 7.300

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