

EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROPERTY

TITLE: SAFETY

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705. SAFETY	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board recognizes that district facilities must be maintained and operated in a condition that is safe for students, staff and visitors.</p>
<p>2. Authority <u>SC 510</u></p>	<p>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 school district buildings, equipment and property. The safety program shall provide: instruction for students and staff in safety and accident protection; 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 <u>of the school district</u>.</p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>SC 1518</p> <p>SC <u>1517</u>, 1518 <u>Pol. 805</u></p>	<p>The Superintendent <u>or designee</u> shall prepare rules governing school safety and prevention of accidents and fire, which shall include the requirements of law and applicable regulations of various departments of state government.</p> <p>The Superintendent <u>or designee</u> shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure curriculum to instruct students in safety and fire prevention. 2. Provide required drills to instruct students in safety procedures. 3. Review and evaluate annually district safety rules and plans. <p>Administrators shall inform all staff and students of school safety rules at the beginning of the school year.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall inform the Board of all procedures and rules dealing with the safety of students and staff, and the safe operation of school facilities.</p>
<p>4. Guidelines</p> <p><u>Title 34</u> <u>Sec. 129.1001-</u> <u>129.1011</u></p>	<p><u>Certified Safety Committee</u></p> <p><u>A safety committee shall be established to promote the school district's goals concerning safe schools.</u></p>

72 P.S.
Sec. 1722-J
77 P.S.
Sec. 1038.2

The safety committee shall be composed of a minimum of four (4) members, including two (2) district administrators and two (2) school district employee representatives. If the number of members on the safety committee exceeds four (4), the school district administrators shall not constitute a majority of the safety committee.

It shall be the responsibility of the safety committee to:

1. Provide measures for employee involvement in achieving a safe, healthful working environment.
2. Promptly review all safety-related incidents, injuries, accidents, illnesses and deaths.
3. Conduct quarterly, or as needed, workplace inspections, identify hazards and recommend methods for eliminating or controlling hazards. Establish procedures to ensure follow-up and closure for all reported hazards by the appropriate person or authority.
4. Annually evaluate the East Stroudsburg Area School District Safety Committee workplace safety and health program and recommend improvements to management.
5. Conduct follow-up evaluations on the effectiveness of new health and safety equipment or safety procedures.

A quorum of the safety committee members shall meet at least once a month.

The safety committee is responsible for developing and maintaining operating procedures, membership lists, committee meeting agendas, attendance lists and minutes of each meeting.

All decisions of the committee shall be made by majority vote of members present.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a qualified trainer provides all committee members with adequate, annual training in safety committee structure and operation, hazard detection and inspection, and accident and illness prevention and investigation.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain written records of safety committee training.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1517, 1518

	<p><u>Department of Labor and Industry Regulations – 34 PA Code Sec. 129.1001-129.1011</u></p> <p><u>Fiscal Code – 72 P.S. Sec. 1722-J</u></p> <p><u>Certification of Safety Committee – 77 P.S. Sec. 1038.2</u></p> <p><u>Board Policy – 805</u></p>
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