

SECTION: PROPERTY

TITLE: SAFETY

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# NAZARETH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

705. SAFETY	
1. Purpose	The Board directs that students and staff be provided a safe environment.
2. Authority	The Board supports a proactive approach to safety and directs that there shall be developed rules which provide for instruction of students and staff in safety and accident prevention, provide protective devices where they are required for the safety of students and employees, and provide suitable and safe equipment where such equipment is necessary for the conduct of the educational program and operation of the schools. The Board recognizes that certain safety endangering situations may occur resulting in the need for a reactive plan.
3. Definitions	<p>A Risk Management Program to Increase Safety in our Schools – is a document developed by the Safety Committee to promote safe practices throughout the district.</p> <p>Emergency Operation Plan – is a document developed in conjunction with Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and Northampton County Emergency Management to provide a plan in the event of full or limited hazards.</p> <p>The Emergency Operation Plan should be implemented even when a hazardous or potentially hazardous situation is limited to a single building or area of a building.</p>
4. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Superintendent or designee 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 or designee shall:</p>
SC 1518	1. Ensure curriculum to instruct students in safety and fire prevention.
SC 1518	2. Provide required drills to instruct students in safety procedures.
	3. Review and evaluate annually district safety rules and plans.

<p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>Act 57 of 1996</p> <p>42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 8541-8564</p> <p>School Code 510, 1518 Act 57 of 1996 Board Policy 805</p>	<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><u>Certified Safety Committee</u></p> <p>A safety committee shall be established to promote the district's goals concerning safe schools. It shall be the responsibility of the safety committee to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evaluate the current district safety program.</li> <li>2. Conduct periodic inspections to locate and identify safety and health hazards.</li> <li>3. Review incident and accident report and investigation forms.</li> <li>4. Evaluate for effectiveness newly implemented safety equipment or health and safety procedures.</li> </ol> <p>The safety committee shall meet monthly, and minutes shall be taken and maintained.</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>Hazardous Materials</u></p> <p>The district will provide legal defense and indemnification to its Board members, administrators, and employees with respect to the identification, inspection, management, control, and removal of asbestos, radon gas, or other hazardous materials in connection with buildings owned or used by the district under and pursuant to the provisions of the law.</p> <p>Such rights of legal defense and indemnification shall apply regardless whether the incident or incidents giving rise to a cause of action occurred before or after the date of this policy and shall continue with respect to any person who has ceased to be a Board member, administrator or employee, so long as the incident or incidents giving rise to the cause of action occurred while such person was serving as a Board member or was employed by the district.</p>
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