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Rosemary Walsh:	Present
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1. **CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL**
2. **PRESENTATIONS**
3. **STRATEGIC PLANNING AND POLICY**
   3.A. Policies Under First Review (1-9):
4. **BUDGET, FINANCE AND FACILITIES**
5. **SPECIAL TOPICS**
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BOARD POLICY

102 Academic Standards

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PURPOSE

The Board recognizes the importance of developing, assessing and expanding academic standards to challenge students to achieve at their highest level possible. To this end, the district shall establish rigorous academic standards in accordance with, and may expand upon, those adopted by the State Board of Education.[1] [2]

DEFINITION

Academic standards means what a student should know and be able to do at a specified grade level. For purposes of this policy, the term academic standards encompasses Pennsylvania Core Standards, Pennsylvania Integrated Standards, state academic standards and local academic standards.[2] [3]

AUTHORITY

The Board shall approve academic standards for district students to attain, in the following content areas:[2]

1. English Language Arts (reading, writing, speaking and listening) - PA Core Standards.
2. Mathematics - PA Core Standards.
3. Science, Environment, Ecology, Technology and Engineering (Grades K-5)
4. Science, Environment and Ecology (Grades 6-12).
5. Technology and Engineering (Grades 6-12).
6. Social Studies (history, geography, civics and government, economics)- PA Core Standards reading in history and social studies, and writing for history and social studies.
7. Arts and Humanities.
8. Career Education and Work.
9. Health, Safety and Physical Education.
10. Family and Consumer Sciences.
11. Personal Finance.

Guidelines

The district's curriculum shall be designed to provide students with the planned instruction needed to attain established academic standards. Such standards require the incorporation of education on social media literacy. [2] [4] [5]

The district shall address social media literacy by providing instruction to students on the potential health and academic impacts, and safety and security concerns associated with social media use. [9]

The district shall assess individual student attainment of established academic standards and provide assistance for students having difficulty attaining academic standards.[2] [6] [7]

Students with disabilities may attain academic standards by completion of their Individualized Education Programs in accordance with law, regulations and Board policy.[2] [8]

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Legal Footnotes

[1] **22 PA Code 4.11**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[2] **22 PA Code 4.12**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[3] **22 PA Code 4.3**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[4] **Pol. 105 — Curriculum**
POLICY REFERENCE

[5] **Pol. 107 — Adoption of Planned Instruction**
POLICY REFERENCE

[6] **Pol. 127 — Assessments**
POLICY REFERENCE

[7] **Pol. 212 — Reporting Student Progress**
POLICY REFERENCE

[8] **Pol. 113 — Special Education**
POLICY REFERENCE

[9] **24 P.S. 1556**
LEGAL REFERENCE

BOARD POLICY

204.1 Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks**

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PURPOSE

This policy establishes standards for wellness checks for students who receive academic instruction exclusively through the district's virtual instruction program for the full school year. Wellness checks are conducted to verify attendance and to facilitate the safety and well-being of students.

AUTHORITY

The Board directs the maintenance of a wellness check process that complies with state law.[1]

This policy shall be posted on the district's publicly accessible website.[1]

DEFINITION

District employee/representative – a district teacher, administrator or other district representative who is subject to mandated reporter requirements for child abuse under the Child Protective Services Law.[2][3]

DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for implementing this policy.

It shall be the responsibility of the designated district employee/representative to administer wellness check procedures in accordance with applicable law and this policy.

GUIDELINES

Weekly Wellness Checks

Weekly wellness checks must be conducted for each student enrolled in the district's virtual instruction program who receives academic instruction exclusively through virtual means for the full school year.[1]

At least once during any week consisting of three (3) or more full or partial academic instructional days, a district employee/representative shall ensure that each student is visibly seen and communicated with in real time either, in person or through electronic means.[1]

Wellness Check Methods

Acceptable methods of conducting wellness checks include:[1]

1. A student turning on a webcam and the district employee/representative visibly seeing and communicating with the student during synchronous online instruction.

2. Virtual or face-to-face participation by the student in any of the following activities:
    a. Health screenings.
    b. Standardized testing.
    c. Advising sessions.
    d. Tutoring sessions.
    e. In person, school-sponsored activities chaperoned by a district employee/representative.

Excused Absence Exemptions

A student may be exempt from a wellness check on the day a check is attempted if the student has an excused absence pursuant to applicable attendance requirements.[1] [4][5]

If this occurs, the district shall conduct the wellness check on the next school day or another school day during the same week. If a student has an excused absence for all school days during the same week, the student shall be exempt from the wellness check requirement for that week.[1] [4][5]

Internet or Power Outage Exemptions

A student may be exempt from a wellness check when the student's household experiences a documented Internet or power outage during the day and time of the attempted wellness check.[1]

If this occurs, the district shall conduct the wellness check on the next school day or another school day during the same week following resolution of the outage.[1]

The student's parent/guardian shall provide documentation of the outage to the district as soon as possible.[1]

Failure to Complete a Required Wellness Check

Within one (1) school day after a student fails to complete a required wellness check, the district shall:[1]

1. Make documented and ongoing efforts to complete the required wellness check and contact the student's parent/guardian using at least two (2) different methods of communication; and
2. Provide written notice to the parent/guardian, in the parent's/guardian's preferred language, stating that the required wellness check has not been completed.

Wellness Review Conference

If the required wellness check is not completed within three (3) school days following the issuance of written notice, the district shall immediately schedule a wellness review conference to occur within one (1) school day. The wellness review conference may be conducted in person or through electronic means.[1]

The wellness review conference will be conducted to:[1]

1. Complete the required wellness check through real-time visual interaction with the student;
2. Reestablish communication with the student and the student's parent/guardian; and
3. Identify interventions to facilitate future participation in wellness checks.

The wellness review conference shall convene as scheduled regardless of whether the student or the student's parent/guardian participates.[1]

In-Person Wellness Check

If a student does not participate in the wellness review conference, the district must conduct an in-person wellness check within twenty-four (24) hours of the scheduled conference, even if this time period falls on a weekend or holiday.[1]

When the district has been unable to reach or obtain a response from the student's parent/guardian, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the district solicitor for guidance.

Wellness Check Records

The district shall maintain accurate records of all wellness checks, including the date, time, method, and outcome of each check.[1]

District administrators are prohibited from altering attendance records for wellness checks after a wellness check has been performed, except to correct an identified error.[1]

Reporting Requirements

Any district employee/representative who observes an indications of abuse, neglect or harm to a child during a wellness check, wellness review conference, or related contact, the district employee/representative is required to report the concerns in accordance with law and Board policy.[1][2][3]

The district shall maintain documentation sufficient to demonstrate compliance with this policy and applicable law.[1]

Such documentation shall be provided to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) upon request. Failure to comply with such requests may result in:[1]

1. A requirement to report to PDE the date, time and method of each wellness check for each student enrolled exclusively in the district's virtual instruction program.
2. Mandating district educators, administrators and staff to complete child abuse recognition, prevention and reporting training annually.
3. Requiring the district to meet in person with each student enrolled in a virtual instruction program at least once during the school year following the school year in which the district was found to be out of compliance.
4. Prohibiting the district from being awarded a competitive state grant by PDE until the district demonstrates compliance.

Legal Footnotes

[1] **24 P.S. 1327.4**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[2] **23 Pa. C.S.A. 6301 et seq**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[3] **Pol. 806 — Child Abuse**
POLICY REFERENCE

[4] **24 P.S. 1329**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[5] **Pol. 204 — Attendance**
POLICY REFERENCE

BOARD POLICY

246 Draft School Wellness

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PURPOSE

Delaware Valley School District recognizes that student wellness and proper nutrition are related to students' physical well-being, growth, development and readiness to learn. The Board is committed to providing a school environment that promotes student wellness, proper nutrition, nutrition education and promotion, and regular physical activity as part of the total learning experience. In a healthy school environment, students will learn about and participate in positive dietary and lifestyle practices that can improve student achievement.

AUTHORITY

The Board adopts this policy based on the recommendations of the Wellness Committee and in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations.[2][3]

To ensure the health and well-being of all students, the Board establishes that the district shall provide to students:

1. A comprehensive nutrition program consistent with federal and state requirements.
2. Access at reasonable cost to foods and beverages that meet established nutrition guidelines.
3. Physical education courses and opportunities for developmentally appropriate physical activity during the school day.
4. Curriculum and programs for grades K-12 that are designed to educate students about proper nutrition and lifelong physical activity, in accordance with State Board of Education curriculum regulations and academic standards.

DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for the implementation and oversight of this policy to ensure each of the district's schools, programs and curriculum is compliant with this policy, related policies and established guidelines or administrative regulations.[2][3]

Each building principal or designee shall annually report to the Superintendent or designee regarding compliance in his/her school.[3]

Staff members responsible for programs related to school wellness shall report to the Superintendent or designee regarding the status of such programs.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board on the district's compliance with law and policies related to school wellness. The report may include:

1. Assessment of school environment regarding school wellness issues.
2. Evaluation of food services program.
3. Review of all foods and beverages sold in schools for compliance with established nutrition guidelines.
4. Listing of activities and programs conducted to promote nutrition and physical activity.
5. Recommendations for policy and/or program revisions.
6. Suggestions for improvement in specific areas.
7. Feedback received from district staff, students, parents/guardians, community members and the Wellness Committee.

The Superintendent or designee and the established Wellness Committee shall conduct an assessment at least once every three (3) years on the contents and implementation of this policy as part of a continuous improvement process to strengthen the policy and ensure implementation. This triennial assessment shall be made available to the public in an accessible and easily understood manner and include:[2][3]

1. The extent to which each district school is in compliance with law and policies related to school wellness.
2. The extent to which this policy compares to model wellness policies.
3. A description of the progress made by the district in attaining the goals of this policy.

At least once every three (3) years, the district shall update or modify this policy as needed, based on the results of the most recent triennial assessment and/or as district and community needs and priorities change; wellness goals are met; new health science, information and technologies emerge; and new federal or state guidance or standards are issued.[3]

The district shall annually inform and update the public, including parents/guardians, students, and others in the community, about the contents, updates and implementation of this policy via the district website, student handbooks, newsletters, posted notices and/or other efficient communication methods. This annual notification shall include information on how to access the School Wellness policy; information about the most recent triennial assessment; information on how to participate in the development, implementation and periodic review and update of the School Wellness policy; and a means of contacting Wellness Committee leadership.[2][3]

GUIDELINES

Recordkeeping

The district shall retain records documenting compliance with the requirements of the School Wellness policy, which shall include:[3][4]

1. The written School Wellness policy.
2. Documentation demonstrating that the district has informed the public, on an annual basis, about the contents of the School Wellness policy and any updates to the policy.
3. Documentation of efforts to review and update the School Wellness policy, including who is involved in the review and methods used by the district to inform the public of their ability to participate in the review.
4. Documentation demonstrating the most recent assessment on the implementation of the School Wellness policy and notification of the assessment results to the public.

Wellness Committee

The district shall establish a Wellness Committee comprised of, but not necessarily limited to, at least one (1) of each of the following: School Board member, district administrator, district food service representative, student, parent/guardian, school health professional, physical education teacher and member of the public. It shall be the goal that committee membership will include representatives from each school building and reflect the diversity of the community.[2]

The Wellness Committee shall serve as an advisory committee regarding student health issues and shall be responsible for developing, implementing and periodically reviewing and updating a School Wellness policy that complies with law to recommend to the Board for adoption.

The Wellness Committee shall review and consider evidence-based strategies and techniques in establishing goals for nutrition education and promotion, physical activity and other school based activities that promote student wellness as part of the policy development and revision process.[3]

The Wellness Committee may be established by the Superintendent to study student health issues and to assist in organizing follow-up programs.[5]

The Wellness Committee may examine related research, assess student needs and the current school environment, review existing Board policies and administrative regulations, and raise awareness about student health issues.

The Wellness Committee may make policy recommendations to the Board related to other health issues necessary to promote student wellness.

The Wellness Committee may survey parents/guardians and/or students; conduct community forums or focus groups; collaborate with appropriate community agencies and organizations; and engage in similar activities, within the budget established for these purposes.

The Wellness Committee shall provide periodic reports to the Superintendent or designee regarding the status of its work, as required.

Individuals who conduct student medical and dental examinations shall submit to the Advisory Health Council annual reports and later reports on the remedial work accomplished during the year, as required by law.[5]

Nutrition Education

Nutrition education will be provided within the sequential, comprehensive health education program in accordance with curriculum regulations and the academic standards for Health, Safety and Physical Education, and Family and Consumer Sciences.[6][7][8]

1. Nutrition education in the district shall teach, model, encourage and support healthy eating by students. Promoting student health and nutrition enhances readiness for learning and increases student achievement.
2. Nutrition education shall provide all students with the knowledge and skills needed to lead healthy lives.
3. Nutrition education lessons and activities shall be age-appropriate.
4. Nutrition curriculum shall teach behavior-focused skills, which may include menu planning, reading nutrition labels and media awareness.
5. School food service and nutrition education classes shall cooperate to create a learning laboratory.
6. Nutrition education shall be integrated into other subjects such as math, science, language arts and social sciences to complement but not replace academic standards based on nutrition education.
7. Lifelong lifestyle balance shall be reinforced by linking nutrition education and physical activity.
8. The staff responsible for providing nutrition education shall be properly trained and prepared and shall participate in appropriate professional development. The district shall develop standards for such training and professional development.[9]
9. Nutrition education shall extend beyond the school environment by engaging and involving families and the community.

Nutrition Promotion

Nutrition promotion and education positively influence lifelong eating behaviors by using evidence-based techniques and nutrition messages, and by creating food environments that encourage healthy nutrition choices and encourage participation in school meal programs.

1. District staff shall cooperate with agencies and community organizations to provide opportunities for appropriate student projects related to nutrition.
2. District food service personnel shall review and implement research-based, behavioral economics techniques in the cafeteria to encourage consumption of more whole grains, fruits, vegetables and legumes, and to decrease plate waste.
3. Consistent nutrition messages shall be disseminated and displayed throughout the district, schools, classrooms, cafeterias, homes, community and media.
4. Consistent nutrition messages shall be demonstrated by avoiding use of unhealthy food items in classroom lesson plans and school staff avoiding eating less healthy food items in front of students.
5. District schools shall offer resources about health and nutrition to encourage parents/guardians to provide healthy meals for their children.

Physical Activity

District schools shall strive to provide opportunities for developmentally appropriate physical activity during the school day for all students.

District schools shall contribute to the effort to provide students opportunities to accumulate at least sixty (60) minutes of age-appropriate physical activity daily, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Opportunities offered at school will augment physical activity outside the school environment, such as outdoor play at home, sports, etc.

Students shall participate daily in a variety of age-appropriate physical activities designed to achieve optimal health, wellness, fitness and performance benefits.

Age-appropriate physical activity opportunities, such as outdoor and indoor recess, before and after school programs, during lunch, clubs, intramurals and interscholastic athletics, shall be provided to meet the needs and interests of all students, in addition to planned physical education.

A physical and social environment that encourages safe and enjoyable activity for all students shall be maintained.

Extended periods of student inactivity, two (2) hours or more, shall be discouraged.

Physical activity breaks shall be provided for students during classroom hours.

Before and/or after-school programs shall provide developmentally appropriate physical activity for participating children.

District schools shall partner with parents/guardians and community members and organizations, such as YMCAs, Boys & Girls Clubs, local and state parks, hospitals, etc., to institute programs that support lifelong physical activity.

Physical activity shall not be used or withheld as a form of punishment.

Students and their families shall be encouraged to utilize district-owned physical activity facilities, such as playgrounds and fields, outside school hours in accordance with established district rules.

Physical Education

A sequential physical education program consistent with curriculum regulations and Health, Safety and Physical Education academic standards shall be developed and implemented. All district students must participate in physical education.[7][8][10]

Instruction involving the collection of a student's height and weight measurements must be conducted in a manner that protects student confidentiality. The calculation of body mass index (BMI) is prohibited.[10]

1. Quality physical education instruction that promotes lifelong physical activity and provides instruction in the skills and knowledge necessary for lifelong participation shall be provided.

2. Physical education classes shall be the means through which all students learn, practice and are assessed on developmentally appropriate skills and knowledge necessary for lifelong, health-enhancing physical activity.
3. A comprehensive physical education course of study that focuses on providing students the skills, knowledge and confidence to participate in lifelong, health-enhancing physical activity shall be implemented.
4. A varied and comprehensive curriculum that promotes both team and individual activities and leads to students becoming and remaining physically active for a lifetime shall be provided in the physical education program.
5. Adequate amounts of planned instruction shall be provided in order for students to achieve the proficient level for the Health, Safety and Physical Education academic standards.
6. A local assessment system shall be implemented to track student progress on the Health, Safety and Physical Education academic standards.
7. Students shall be moderately to vigorously active as much time as possible during a physical education class. Documented medical conditions and disabilities shall be accommodated during class.
8. Safe and adequate equipment, facilities and resources shall be provided for physical education courses.
9. Physical education shall be taught by certified health and physical education teachers.
10. Appropriate professional development shall be provided for physical education staff.
11. Physical education classes shall have a teacher-student ratio comparable to those of other courses for safe and effective instruction.
12. Physical activity shall not be used or withheld solely as a form of punishment.

Social Media

A social media literacy program consistent with curriculum regulations and academic standards shall be developed and implemented to address the following:[7][8][23]

1. Mental, psychological and physical effects of social media and mobile device use.
2. Potential impacts of social media and mobile device use on academic growth and learning.
3. Safe use of social media, including how to recognize suspicious online behavior including, but not limited to:
   a. Cyberbullying.
   b. Predatory behavior.
   c. Potential human trafficking.
4. Personal security and privacy on mobile devices.

1. Social and emotional learning shall provide students with the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

1. Social and emotional learning shall be included at a developmentally appropriate level within the health curriculum in all grades.
2. A physical and social environment that encourages self-care, acceptance and kindness shall be maintained.
3. Access to trained staff shall be available to students in need of guidance and/or social and emotional support.
4. A continuum of counseling groups to address mental health, social and emotional well-being, positive relationships and responsible decision-making shall be available in all schools.
5. The district shall collaborate with community-based mental health agencies to provide support and resources for students and their families.

Other School Based Activities

Safe drinking water shall be available and accessible to students, without restriction and at no cost to the student, at all meal periods and throughout the school day.[11][12][13][24]

Nutrition professionals who meet hiring criteria established by the district and in compliance with federal regulations shall administer the school meals program. Professional development and continuing education shall be provided for district nutrition staff, as required by federal regulations.[9][15][16][17]

1. District schools shall provide adequate space, as defined by the district, for eating and serving school meals.
2. Students shall be provided a clean and safe meal environment.
3. Students shall be provided adequate time to eat: ten (10) minutes sit down time for breakfast; twenty (20) minutes sit down time for lunch.
4. District schools shall implement alternative service models to increase school breakfast participation where possible, such as breakfast served in the classroom, "grab & go breakfast" and breakfast after first period to reinforce the positive educational, behavioral and health impacts of a healthy breakfast.
5. Meal periods shall be scheduled at appropriate hours, as required by federal regulations and as defined by the district.[11]
6. Students shall have access to hand washing or sanitizing before meals and snacks.
7. Access to the food service operation shall be limited to authorized staff.
8. Nutrition content of school meals shall be available to students and parents/guardians.
9. Students and parents/guardians may be involved in menu selections through various means, such as taste testing and surveys.
10. To the extent possible, the district shall utilize available funding and outside programs to enhance student wellness.
11. The district shall provide appropriate training to all staff on the components of the School Wellness policy.

12. Goals of the School Wellness policy shall be considered in planning all school based activities.
13. Fundraising projects submitted for approval shall be supportive of healthy eating and student wellness.
14. Administrators, teachers, food service personnel, students, parents/guardians and community members shall be encouraged to serve as positive role models through district programs, communications and outreach efforts.
15. The district shall support the efforts of parents/guardians to provide a healthy diet and daily physical activity for children by communicating relevant information through various methods.
16. The district shall maintain a healthy school environment to optimize conditions for learning and minimize potential health risks to students, in accordance with the district's school environmental health program and applicable laws and regulations.

Nutrition Guidelines for All Foods/Beverages at School

All foods and beverages available in district schools during the school day shall be offered to students with consideration for promoting student health and reducing obesity.

Foods and beverages provided through the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs shall comply with established federal nutrition standards.[11][12][15][16]

Competitive Foods -

Competitive foods available for sale shall meet or exceed the established federal nutrition standards (USDA Smart Snacks in School). These standards shall apply in all locations and through all services where foods and beverages are sold to students, which may include, but are not limited to: a la carte options in cafeterias, vending machines, school stores, snack carts and fundraisers.[3][18][19]

Competitive foods are defined as foods and beverages offered or sold to students on school campus during the school day, which are not part of the reimbursable school breakfast or lunch.

For purposes of this policy, school campus means any area of property under the jurisdiction of the school that students may access during the school day.[3][18]

For purposes of this policy, school day means the period from midnight before school begins until thirty (30) minutes after the end of the official school day.[3][18]

The district may impose additional restrictions on competitive foods, provided that the restrictions are not inconsistent with federal requirements.[18]

Fundraiser Exemptions -

Fundraising activities held during the school day involving the sale of competitive foods shall be limited to foods that meet the Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, unless an exemption is approved in accordance with applicable Board policy and administrative

regulations.[20]

The district may allow a limited number of exempt fundraisers as permitted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education each school year: up to five (5) exempt fundraisers in elementary and middle school buildings, and up to ten (10) exempt fundraisers in high school buildings. Exempt fundraisers are fundraisers in which competitive foods are available for sale to students that do not meet the Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.[18]

The district shall establish administrative regulations to implement fundraising activities in district schools, including procedures for requesting a fundraiser exemption.

Non-Sold Competitive Foods -

Non-sold competitive foods available to students, which may include but are not limited to foods and beverages offered as rewards and incentives, at classroom parties and celebrations, or as shared classroom snacks, shall meet or exceed the standards established by the district.

If the offered competitive foods do not meet or exceed the Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, the following standards shall apply:

1. Rewards and Incentives:
    a. Foods and beverages shall not be used as a reward or incentive in district schools.
2. Classroom Parties and Celebrations:
    a. Classroom parties/celebrations with food/beverages shall be limited to no more than one (1) per month in each classroom.
    b. Parents/Guardians shall be informed through newsletters or other efficient communication methods that foods/beverages should only be brought in when requested for scheduled parties.
    c. Classroom parties shall offer a minimal amount of foods (maximum 2-3 items) containing added sugar as the primary ingredient (e.g., cupcakes, cookies) and will provide the following:
        i. Fresh fruits/vegetables; and
        ii. Water, 100 percent juice, 100 percent juice diluted with water, low-fat milk or nonfat milk.

Marketing/Contracting -

Any foods and beverages marketed or promoted to students on the school campus during the school day shall meet or exceed the established federal nutrition standards (USDA Smart Snacks in School) and comply with established Board policy and administrative regulations.[3][18]

Exclusive competitive food and/or beverage contracts shall be approved by the Board, in accordance with provisions of law. Existing contracts shall be reviewed and modified to the extent feasible to ensure compliance with established federal nutrition standards, including applicable marketing restrictions.[21]

Management of Food Allergies in District Schools

The district shall establish Board policy and administrative regulations to address food allergy management in district schools in order to:[22]

1. Reduce and/or eliminate the likelihood of severe or potentially life-threatening allergic reactions.
2. Ensure a rapid and effective response in case of a severe or potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.
3. Protect the rights of students by providing them, through necessary accommodations when required, the opportunity to participate fully in all school programs and activities.

Safe Routes to School

1. The district shall cooperate with local municipalities, public safety agency, police departments and community organizations to develop and maintain safe routes to school.
2. District administrators shall seek and utilize available federal and state funding for safe routes to school, when appropriate.

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Legal Footnotes

[2] 42 U.S.C. 1758b
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[3] 7 CFR 210.31
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[4] 7 CFR 210.15
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[5] 24 P.S. 1422
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[6] 24 P.S. 1513
LEGAL REFERENCE

[7] Pol. 102 — Academic Standards
POLICY REFERENCE

[8] Pol. 105 — Curriculum
POLICY REFERENCE

[9] Pol. 808 — Food Services
POLICY REFERENCE

[10] 24 P.S. 1512.1
LEGAL REFERENCE

[11] 7 CFR 210.10
LEGAL REFERENCE

[12] 7 CFR 220.8
LEGAL REFERENCE

[13] 24 P.S. 701
LEGAL REFERENCE

[15] 42 U.S.C. 1751
LEGAL REFERENCE

[16] 42 U.S.C. 1773
LEGAL REFERENCE

[17] 7 CFR 210.30
LEGAL REFERENCE

[18] 7 CFR 210.11
LEGAL REFERENCE

[19] 7 CFR 220.12
LEGAL REFERENCE

[20] Pol. 229 — Student Fundraising
POLICY REFERENCE

[21] 24 P.S. 504.1
LEGAL REFERENCE

[22] Pol. 209.1 — Head Lice
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[23] 24 P.S. 1556
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[24] 24 P.S. 742.1
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BOARD POLICY

249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

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~~The Board is committed to providing a safe, positive learning environment for district students.~~ The Board recognizes that bullying and cyberbullying create an atmosphere of fear and intimidation, detracts from the safe environment necessary for student learning and may lead to more serious violence. The Board is committed to providing a safe, positive learning environment for district students that is free from bullying and cyberbullying. ~~Therefore, the Board prohibits bullying by district students.~~

DEFINITIONS

Artificial Intelligence-Generated or Modified Media means text, code, images, audio or video data that has been created or modified from its original source data through the use of artificial intelligence technology, programs or platforms.[1]

Bullying means an intentional electronic, written, verbal or physical act or series of acts directed at another student or students, which occurs in a school setting and/or outside a school setting, that is severe, persistent or pervasive and has the effect of doing any of the following:[1]

1. Substantially interfering with a student's education ; or
2. Creating a threatening environment ; or
3. Substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

~~Bullying, as defined in this policy, includes cyberbullying.~~

Cyberbullying means bullying through the use of electronic technology or communication, including data, computer software or online platforms regardless of their origin, using a device, system network, internet service, email, social media or other digital means, including artificial intelligence–generated or modified media. Cyberbullying includes bullying conduct which occurs in a school setting and/or outside a school setting.[1]

School setting means in the school, on school grounds, in school vehicles, at a designated bus stop or at any activity sponsored, supervised or sanctioned by the school.[1]

AUTHORITY

The Board prohibits all forms of bullying and cyberbullying by district students and requires that this policy be accessible in every classroom. The policy shall be posted in a prominent location within each school building and on the district website.[1]

The Board encourages students who believe they or others have been bullied to promptly report such incidents to the building principal or designee.

~~Students are encouraged to use the district's report form, available from the building principal, or to put the complaint in writing; however, oral complaints shall be accepted and documented. The person accepting the complaint shall handle the report objectively, neutrally and professionally, setting aside personal biases that might favor or disfavor the student filing the complaint or those accused of a violation of this policy.~~

~~The Board directs that verbal and written complaints of bullying shall be investigated promptly, and appropriate corrective or preventative action be taken when allegations are substantiated. The Board directs that any complaint of bullying brought pursuant to this policy shall also be reviewed for conduct which may not be proven to be bullying under this policy but merits review and possible action under other Board policies.~~

~~When a student's behavior indicates a threat to the safety of the student, other students, school employees, school facilities, the community or others, district staff shall report the student to the threat assessment team, in accordance with applicable law and Board policy.~~ ~~[2]~~[3]

The Board directs that complaints of bullying and **cyberbullying** be investigated promptly, and appropriate corrective or preventative action be taken when allegations are substantiated. The Board directs that any complaint of bullying or **cyberbullying** brought pursuant to this policy to also be reviewed for conduct which may not be proven to be bullying or **cyberbullying** under this policy but merits review and possible action under other Board policies.[1]

~~Discrimination/Harassment~~

~~Every report of alleged bullying that can be interpreted at the outset to fall within the provisions of policies addressing potential violations of laws against discrimination or harassment shall be handled as a joint, concurrent investigation into all allegations and coordinated with the full participation of the Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator. If, in the course of a bullying investigation, potential issues of discrimination or harassment are identified, the Title IX Coordinator shall be promptly notified, and the investigation shall be conducted jointly and concurrently to address the issues of alleged discrimination or harassment as well as the incidents of alleged bullying.~~ ~~[4]~~ ~~[5]~~

Confidentiality

Confidentiality of all parties, witnesses, the allegations, the filing of a complaint and the investigation shall be handled in accordance with applicable law, regulations, this policy and the district's legal and investigative obligations.

Retaliation

Reprisal or retaliation relating to reports of bullying or cyberbullying or participation in an investigation of allegations of bullying or cyberbullying is prohibited and shall be subject to disciplinary action.

DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

~~Any person discovering bullying shall report the incident to a Delaware Valley School District teacher, counselor, or administrator. School employees will provide immediate interventions consistent with this policy. Students are also required to immediately report bullying.~~

Each student shall be responsible to respect the rights of others and to ensure an atmosphere free from bullying and cyberbullying.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to ~~implement~~ support this policy.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that this policy and administrative regulations are reviewed annually with students.[1]

The Superintendent or designee, in cooperation with other appropriate administrators, shall review this policy every three (3) years and recommend necessary revisions to the Board.[1]

District administration shall annually provide the following information with the school safety and security incident report:[1][2]

1. Board's Bullying/Cyberbullying Policy.
2. Report of bullying and cyberbullying incidents.
3. Information on the development and implementation of any bullying and cyberbullying prevention, intervention or education programs.

GUIDELINES

~~Notices~~

~~The Code of Student Conduct, which shall contain this policy, shall be disseminated annually to students.[1] [7] [8]~~

~~This policy shall be accessible in every classroom. The policy shall be posted in a prominent location within each school building where notices are usually posted, and on the district website.[1]~~

~~Education~~

~~The district may develop, implement and evaluate bullying prevention and intervention programs and activities. Programs and activities shall provide district staff and students with appropriate training for effectively responding to, intervening in and reporting incidents of bullying.[1] [9] [10] [11]~~

~~Consequences for Violations~~

~~A student who violates this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action consistent with the Code of Student Conduct, which may include:[1] [7] [12]~~
Reports of bullying or cyberbullying may be made orally or in writing and may be anonymous, except where made by district staff. Students are encouraged to use the district's reporting form attached to this policy, or to submit a written complaint; however, oral complaints will be accepted, documented and investigated.

Any individual receiving a complaint shall handle the report objectively, neutrally and professionally, setting aside personal biases that might favor or disfavor any person involved.

District staff who observe bullying/cyberbullying or receive a report of bullying/cyberbullying shall not conduct an independent investigation but shall take appropriate action to protect the safety of involved students and promptly provide a summary of the observed or reported conduct to the building principal or designee.

For purposes of this policy, a reporter is an individual, other than district staff, who reports alleged bullying/cyberbullying directed at one or more students. A complainant is the alleged victim or target of the conduct. In some circumstances, the same individual may serve as both reporter and complainant.

The building principal or designee shall encourage the complainant or reporter to complete the district's designated report form. If, due to age, disability or other incapacity, the complainant or reporter is unable to complete the form, the building principal or designee shall document the report and complete the form on the individual's behalf. If the report is made by someone other than the complainant, the complainant shall be notified promptly, informed of the report, and encouraged to complete the district reporting form.

As soon as practicable after the receipt of a report of bullying or cyberbullying, the district shall notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) of any student involved in the incident.

If the complainant, district staff, or other professionals with knowledge of the complainant's health and well-being indicate that notifying a parent/guardian could place the complainant or another person at risk of abuse, neglect or other imminent harm, the building principal, in consultation with the Superintendent and legal counsel, and as appropriate, law enforcement, child welfare authorities and other qualified professionals, may determine whether parental notification should be delayed as permitted by law. The basis for the delay must be documented, and parent/guardian notification shall occur as soon as legally and safely practicable.[3][4]

Every report of bullying/cyberbullying shall be reviewed and investigated promptly and sufficiently to address the alleged misconduct, even if the report is anonymous or the complainant requests that no action be taken.

Threat Assessment

When a student's behavior indicates a threat to the safety of the student, other students, school employees, school facilities, the community, or others, district staff shall make a referral to the district's threat assessment team in accordance with applicable law and Board policy.[5][6]

Discrimination/Harassment

If, at the time of the report or at any time during the investigation of the alleged bullying/cyberbullying, there is reason to believe that the conduct may fall within the provisions of the district's discrimination/harassment policies, the Title IX Coordinator must be promptly notified. Upon notification, the Title IX Coordinator will immediately initiate steps to comply with appropriate policies and procedures. The investigation will be handled as a joint and concurrent investigation to address all appliable allegations and legal requirements.[7][8]

Investigation Procedures

After determining that the matter does not require handling under Policy 103, the building principal shall determine whether the investigation may be conducted by the principal or designee or whether the matter must be referred to the Superintendent or another appropriate administrator.

If law enforcement has been notified, a law enforcement report has been filed, or substantiated allegations could result in expulsion, the building principal shall consult with the Superintendent or appropriate administrator, who may seek advice from legal counsel.
Investigations shall be timely, impartial, thorough and comprehensive. The investigation may include:

1. Interviewing the complainant.

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2. Interviewing the individual(s) accused of the conduct.
3. Interviewing witnesses.
4. Reviewing physical, electronic or documentary evidence.
5. Reviewing any other relevant information provided during the investigation.
6. Conducting any additional inquiry reasonably necessary to determine the facts and address proven misconduct.

Investigative Findings

The investigator shall prepare findings that summarize the investigation, determine whether the allegations have been substantiated, identify any violation of Board policy or applicable law, and recommend appropriate corrective action.

As soon as practicable after determining that an incident of bullying or cyberbullying has occurred, the district shall notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) of any student involved in the incident of the determination of the investigation.

The complainant/reporter and the accused shall be informed of the outcome of the investigation within a reasonable period of time, consistent with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and other applicable laws. The accused shall not be informed of any individual remedies provided to the complainant.[9]

District Response and Corrective Action

If an investigation results in a finding that bullying or cyberbullying or other misconduct occurred, the district shall take prompt and appropriate corrective action designed to stop the conduct, prevent its recurrence, protect affected students, eliminate any hostile or disruptive environment, and prevent retaliation.[1]

The district shall document corrective actions taken and, when permitted by law, inform the complainant or reporter of responsive measures. District administrators shall monitor the effectiveness of corrective actions and take additional measures when necessary.[1]

If an investigation reveals violations of other Board policies or circumstances requiring additional review, referral, discipline or intervention, the district shall address those matters through the appropriate disciplinary, administrative or support processes.

Any disciplinary action imposed shall be consistent with the Code of Student Conduct, Board policies and administrative regulations, applicable collective bargaining agreements, and state and federal law, and may include:[1][2][13]

1. Counseling within the school.
2. Parental conference.
3. Loss of school privileges.
4. Transfer to another school building, classroom or school bus.
5. Exclusion from school-sponsored activities.
6. Detention.
7. Suspension.
8. Expulsion.
9. Counseling/Therapy outside of school.
10. Referral to law enforcement officials.

The Code of Student Conduct, which shall contain this policy, shall be disseminated annually to students.[1][2][10]

Education

The district may develop, implement and evaluate bullying prevention and intervention programs and activities. Programs and activities shall provide district staff and students with appropriate training for effectively responding to, intervening in and reporting incidents of bullying.[1][11][12]

School Safety and Security Incidents Report

Annually, by July 31, the Superintendent shall report on the designated form, to the PA Department of Education, all new incidents as required by state law. The report must include the total number of bullying and cyberbullying incidents that occurred during the school year, including the number of cyberbullying incidents suspected to involve artificial intelligence-generated or modified media.[2][14]

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Legal Footnotes

[1] **24 P.S. 1303.1-A**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[2] **24 P.S. 1302-E**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[3] **23 Pa. C.S.A. 6301**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[4] **Pol. 806 — Child Abuse**
POLICY REFERENCE

[5] **24 P.S. 1302-E**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[6] **Pol. 236.1 — Threat Assessment**
POLICY REFERENCE

[7] **Pol. 103 — Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students**
POLICY REFERENCE

[8] **22 PA Code 12.3**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[9] **20 U.S.C. 7118**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[10] **24 P.S. 1302-A**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[11] **20 U.S.C. 7118**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[12] **24 P.S. 1302-A**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[13] **Pol. 236 — Student Assistance Program**
POLICY REFERENCE

[14] **24 P.S. 1319-B**
LEGAL REFERENCE

BOARD POLICY

704 Maintenance

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PURPOSE

Adequate maintenance of buildings, property and equipment is essential to fiscal responsibility and efficient management of district facilities.

AUTHORITY

The Board directs that a continuous program of inspection and maintenance of all district buildings, property and equipment be established and implemented. Wherever possible, maintenance shall be preventive.[2][3]

DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and supervise a maintenance program which shall include:

1. Regular program of maintenance, repair and improvement of buildings and facilities.

2. Testing lead levels in drinking water.[3]

3. Critical spare parts inventory.

4. Equipment replacement program.

5. Long-range plans for building modernization and conditioning.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a maintenance check list applicable to all district buildings.

Each building principal, in conjunction with the building maintenance employee, shall conduct a physical inspection of the building on a periodic basis and return a written report to the Superintendent or designee as to the findings of that inspection.

The Superintendent shall report annually to the Board regarding the current maintenance and improvement program and projected maintenance needs that include cost analysis.

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Legal Footnotes

[2] **24 P.S. 701**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[3] **24 P.S. 742.1**
LEGAL REFERENCE

BOARD POLICY

716 Integrated Pest Management - draft

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PURPOSE

The district shall utilize integrated pest management procedures to manage structural and landscape pests and the ~~toxic~~ chemicals and cleaners used for their control in order to alleviate pest problems with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.

~~The district shall integrate IPM education into the curriculum in accordance with relevant academic standards.[1]~~ **[2]**

DEFINITIONS

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is the managed use of combined pest control alternatives, including cultural, mechanical, biological and chemical to most effectively prevent or reduce to acceptable levels damage caused by pests.[1]~~Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is the coordinated use of pest and environmental information to design and implement pest control methods that are economically, environmentally and socially sound. IPM promotes prevention over remediation and advocates integration of at least two (2) or more strategies to achieve long-term solutions.~~

Integrated Pest Management Plan is a plan that establishes a sustainable approach to managing pests by combining biological, cultural, physical and chemical tools in a way that minimizes economic, health and environmental risks.[2]

AUTHORITY

The Board establishes that the district shall use pesticides only after consideration of the full range of alternatives, based on analysis of environmental effects, safety, effectiveness and costs.[3] [4]

The Board shall adopt an IPM Plan for district buildings and grounds that complies with policies and regulations promulgated by the Department of Agriculture.[2] [4]

The Board shall designate an employee to facilitate IPM for the district. The designated employee will be referred to as the district's IPM Coordinator or as otherwise specified at the district.

DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The IPM Coordinator shall be responsible to implement the IPM Plan and to coordinate communications between the district and the approved contractor.

The IPM Coordinator shall be responsible to annually notify parents/guardians of the procedures for requesting notification of planned and emergency applications of pesticides in school buildings and on school grounds.[5]

The IPM Coordinator shall maintain detailed records of all chemical pest control treatments for at least three (3) years. Information regarding pest management activities shall be available to the public at the district's administrative office.[5]

~~The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to implement integrated pest management procedures and to coordinate communications between the district and the approved contractor and certified pest control employees.~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to annually notify parents/ guardians of the procedures for requesting notification of planned and emergency applications of pesticides in school buildings and on school grounds.[3]~~
Appropriate personnel involved in making decisions relative to pest management shall participate in periodic training, as needed.~~ongoing training~~

GUIDELINES

Pest management strategies may include education, exclusion, sanitation, maintenance, biological and mechanical controls, and site appropriate pesticides

~~An integrated pest management decision shall consist of the following five (5) steps:~~

1. ~~Identify pest species.~~
2.
3. ~~Estimate pest populations and compare to established action thresholds.~~
4.
4. ~~Select the appropriate management tactics based on current on-site information.~~
5.
5. ~~Assess effectiveness of pest management.~~
6.
6. ~~Keep appropriate records.~~
7.

An IPM Plan ~~Integrated Pest Management Program~~ shall include the education of staff, students and the public about IPM policies and procedures.

When pesticide applications are scheduled for district ~~school~~ buildings and grounds, the district shall provide notification at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance in accordance with law, including:[5]

1. Posting a pest control sign in an appropriate area, at the place to be treated. The sign shall remain in place for at least two (2) days following each planned treatment.
2. Providing the pest control information sheet to all individuals working in the affected school building.
3. Providing required notice to all parents/guardians of students or to a list of parents/guardians who have requested notification of individual applications of pesticides.

Where pests pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of students or employees, the district may authorize an emergency pesticide application and shall notify by telephone any parent/guardian who has requested such notification.[5]

~~The district shall maintain detailed records of all chemical pest control treatments for at least three (3) years. Information regarding pest management activities shall be available to the public at the district's IPM Coordinator.[3]~~

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Legal Footnotes

[1] **22 PA Code 4.12**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[2] **Pol. 2**
POLICY REFERENCE
Referenced policy is not available in this policy book.

[3] **3 P.S. 111.21 et seq**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[4] **7 PA Code 128.1 et seq**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[5] **24 P.S. 772.2**
LEGAL REFERENCE

BOARD POLICY

803 School Calendar

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PURPOSE

The Board recognizes that preparation of an annual school calendar is necessary for the efficient operation of the district and communication with students, staff, parents/guardians and the school community.

AUTHORITY

The Board shall determine annually the days and the hours when the schools will be in session for instructional purposes, in accordance with state law and regulations. This may include, as appropriate, activities qualifying as instructional days or hours under the direction of certified school employees for fulfilling the minimum required days or hours of instruction under law, regulations and state guidance.[1][2][3][4][5][6][7][8][9]

The school calendar shall normally consist of a minimum of 900 hours of instruction at the elementary level and 990 hours of instruction at the secondary level.~~450 hours of instruction for half-day kindergarten programs and prekindergarten programs.~~ [1][2][8][10]

The Board reserves the right to alter the school calendar when it is in the best interests of the district, including in cases of emergency, in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The Board shall take action to establish temporary provisions in cases of emergency, in accordance with law, and shall document such actions with the PA Department of Education when required.[2][5][6][7][9][11][12][13] **[14]**

Temporary provisions established in accordance with law may include but are not limited to: [1][2][5][6][7][8][9][12][13] **[15]**

1. Keeping schools in session such days and hours as the Board deems necessary, which shall include maintaining the requirement for a minimum of ~~180 student days or~~ 900 hours of instruction at the elementary level and 990 hours of instruction at the secondary level.~~, 450 hours of instruction for half-day kindergarten programs, and prekindergarten programs.~~
2. Reducing the length of time of daily instruction for courses and classes.

3. Implementing remote and other alternative methods of delivering instruction under the direction of certified school employees.

Each year, prior to finalizing the school calendar, the Board must discuss the use or potential use of flexible instructional days and remote or virtual instructional days at a public Board meeting.[7] [14]

DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Superintendent shall annually prepare a school calendar for Board consideration.

The Superintendent or designee shall document alterations to the school calendar and any temporary provisions in accordance with law, regulations, guidance from the PA Department of Education and Board policy.[7][14] [15]

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Legal Footnotes

[1] 24 P.S. 133
LEGAL REFERENCE

[2] 24 P.S. 1501
LEGAL REFERENCE

[3] 24 P.S. 1502
LEGAL REFERENCE

[4] 24 P.S. 1503
LEGAL REFERENCE

[5] 24 P.S. 1504
LEGAL REFERENCE

[6] 24 P.S. 1505
LEGAL REFERENCE

[7] 24 P.S. 1506
LEGAL REFERENCE

[8] 22 PA Code 11.1
LEGAL REFERENCE

[9] 22 PA Code 11.2
LEGAL REFERENCE

[10] 22 PA Code 4.4
LEGAL REFERENCE

[11] 24 P.S. 520
LEGAL REFERENCE

[12] 24 P.S. 520.1
LEGAL REFERENCE

[13] 24 P.S. 1501.3
LEGAL REFERENCE

[14] Pol. 006
POLICY REFERENCE
Referenced policy is not available in this policy book.

[15] Pol. 805 — Emergency Preparedness and Response
POLICY REFERENCE

BOARD POLICY

805.2 School Security Personnel

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AUTHORITY

The Board shall employ, contract for and/or assign staff to coordinate the safety and security of district students, staff, visitors and facilities.

The district shall employ or contract for at least one (1) full-time school security personnel who has completed the training required by law and this Board policy to be on duty during the school day.[1]

The district shall certify to the state School Safety and Security Committee annually that it has met the requirements for school security personnel or has received a waiver, in accordance with applicable law.[1]

DEFINITIONS

School security personnel - school police officers, school resource officers and school security guards.[2]

Independent contractor - an individual, including a retired federal agent or retired state, municipal or military police officer or retired sheriff or deputy sheriff, whose responsibilities, including work hours, are established in a written contract with the district for the purpose of performing school security services.[2]

School day - the hours between the morning opening of a school building and the afternoon dismissal of students on a day which classes are in session.[1]

Third-party vendor - a company or entity approved by the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency that provides school security services in accordance with law.[2]

DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Superintendent shall appoint a school administrator to serve as the School Safety and Security Coordinator, in accordance with law. When a vacancy occurs in the role of the School Safety and Security Coordinator, the Superintendent shall appoint another school administrator to serve as the School Safety and Security Coordinator within thirty (30) days

of the vacancy and shall notify the Board regarding the appointment.[3]

The Superintendent or designee shall submit the name and contact information for the appointed School Safety and Security Coordinator to the state's School Safety and Security Committee within thirty (30) days of the appointment.[3]

The School Safety and Security Coordinator shall report directly to the Superintendent, and shall be responsible for the following:[3]

1. Oversee all school police officers and school security guards.
2. Review and provide oversight of all Board policies, administrative regulations and procedures related to school safety and security, and ensure compliance with federal and state laws and regulations regarding school safety and security.
3. Coordinate training and resources for students and staff related to situational awareness, trauma-informed approaches, behavioral health awareness, ~~suicide and bullying awareness,~~ suicide awareness and prevention, bullying and cyberbullying awareness and prevention, substance use awareness, emergency procedures and training drills, and identification or recognition of student behavior that may indicate a threat to the safety of the student, other students, school employees, other individuals, school facilities or the community, in accordance with the standards established by the state's School Safety and Security Committee and the requirements of applicable law and regulations.[3][4][5][6][7][8][9][10][11][12][13]
4. Meet with school employees annually to seek their input on the mandatory school safety and security training.[4]
5. Coordinate a tour of the district's buildings and grounds biennially, or when a building is first occupied or reconfigured, with law enforcement and first responders responsible for protecting and securing the district to discuss and coordinate school safety and security matters.
6. Serve as the liaison with law enforcement and other state committees and agencies on matters of school safety and security.
7. Serve on the district's threat assessment team(s) and participate in required training and the threat assessment process.[8][14]
8. Coordinate School Safety and Security Assessments, School Safety and Security grant requirements and respond to School Safety and Security surveys, as applicable.[12][15]
9. Coordinate school safety and security meetings with school and building leadership, at least on a quarterly basis.

The School Safety and Security Coordinator shall, within one (1) year of appointment, complete required training as specified by the state's School Safety and Security Committee for serving in the role of a School Safety and Security Coordinator. This training shall be in addition to other training requirements for school administrators, but shall count toward professional education credit, where applicable.[3][16][17][18]

The School Safety and Security Coordinator must complete any additional continuing education as required by the School Safety and Security Committee.[3]

By June 30 of each year, the School Safety and Security Coordinator shall make a report to the Board at an executive session on the district's current safety and security practices, and identify strategies to improve school safety and security.[3][19]

The Board directs the School Safety and Security Coordinator to include the following information in the annual report:

1. Threat assessment team information, including verification of compliance with law and regulations, the number and composition of the district's threat assessment team(s), the total number of threats assessed in the past year and additional information on threat assessment required by the Superintendent or designee, in accordance with Board policy.[8][14]
2. The number and type(s) of school security personnel contracted or employed by the district, including:[3]
   a. The number of school security personnel that are armed, listed by type(s) of personnel.
   b. The school building at which each school security personnel is assigned, listed by type(s) of personnel.
   c. The training, including the type of training and completion dates, of each school security personnel, listed by type(s) of personnel.
   d. A listing of other individuals utilized by the district for school safety-related duties.
3. An attendance report of the school and building personnel present at each school safety and security meeting, including yearly attendance totals.
4. Reports of required emergency preparedness, fire, bus evacuation and school security drills.[12]
5. Information on required school safety and security training and resources provided to students and staff.[12]
6. Safe2Say Something aggregate data, including a breakdown of Life Safety and Non-Life Safety reports received.
7. Behavioral health and school climate information, including aggregate data from surveys and assessments issued in the district, information on referrals and services accessed by students and families, and identification of additional resources needed in the district.[20]
8. School safety and security incident reports for the previous year(s) and/or data collected to date for the current year.[21]
9. Updates regarding the district's memorandum of understanding with law enforcement agencies.[21]
10. Updates to laws, regulations and/or Board policies related to school safety and security.
11. Information on tours, inspections and/or School Safety and Security Assessments of school facilities and programs.
12. Information on grants or funding applied for and/or received in support of school safety and security efforts.

A copy of the report, including the required information on threat assessment and school security personnel, shall be submitted to the state's School Safety and Security Committee.

[3]

The Superintendent or designee shall implement job descriptions and procedures to address the responsibilities and requirements specific to each category of school security personnel in carrying out their duties.

School security personnel shall carry weapons, including firearms, in performance of their duties only if, and to the extent, authorized by the Board, including as provided in an agreement with a law enforcement agency for the stationing of a School Resource Officer or in a contract with an independent contractor or third-party vendor approved by the Board.

GUIDELINES

School Police Officers

The district shall employ and/or contract for one or more school police officers and apply to the appropriate court for appointment and powers of authority, in accordance with the provisions of law.[2][22][23][24][25][26]

Within thirty (30) days of court approval for appointment of a school police officer, the district shall notify the School Safety and Security Committee and submit a copy of the court's order.[22]

School police officer -[2][23][24]

1. A law enforcement officer employed by the district whose responsibilities, including work hours, are established by the district; or
2. ~~An independent contractor or an individual provided through a third-party vendor who has been appointed in accordance with law, and who meets the requirements of contracted services personnel, in accordance with Board policy.~~[26]

Background Checks -

Prior to receiving an offer of employment, all school police officers shall comply with the requirements for background checks/certifications and employment history reviews for all school employees, in accordance with applicable law, Board policy and administrative regulations. These requirements are addressed separately in Board policy 304 for school police employed by the district and Board policy 818 for school police employed by an independent contractor or third-party vendor.[25][26][27][28][29][30]

The district shall conduct a law enforcement agency background investigation in compliance with applicable law and regulations for all school police employed by the district and shall review a background investigation conducted for all school police employed by an independent contractor or third-party vendor.[31][32]

Following an offer of employment, the district shall request the separation record for a school police officer employed or contracted by the district, in accordance with applicable law and regulations for a law enforcement agency.[33][34]

Requirements -

The district shall annually report the following information regarding school police officers receiving required training to the PA Department of Education, the School Safety and Security Committee and the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency:[35]

1. The district's name and the number of school police officers employed or contracted by the district.
2. The municipalities comprising the district.
3. The date and type of training provided to each school police officer.

The district shall make reports regarding hiring and separation, and shall maintain all records, as required for a law enforcement agency, in accordance with applicable law and regulations.[31][36]

School police officers shall take and subscribe to the Oath of Office required by law.[37]

The district shall request that the court grant the school police officer authority to carry a firearm, in accordance with law. The school police officer shall maintain all applicable firearm license and training requirements, in accordance with applicable law and Board policy.[22][38]

School police officers shall successfully complete required training, in accordance with law, and other required staff training, including district training on the use of positive behavior supports, de-escalation techniques and appropriate responses to behavior for students with disabilities, in accordance with law, regulations and Board policy.[38][39][40][41][42]

School police officers shall possess and exercise the following duties:[43]

1. Enforce good order in school buildings, on school buses or vehicles owned or leased by the district, and on school grounds.
2. If authorized by the court, issue summary citations or detain individuals who are in school buildings, on school buses and on school grounds in the district until local law enforcement is notified.
3. If authorized by the court, a school police officer who is a law enforcement officer employed by the district whose responsibilities, including work hours, are established by the district, may exercise the same powers as exercised under authority of law or ordinance by the police of the municipality in which the school property is located.

School police officers shall wear the assigned metallic shield or badge provided by the district in plain view when on duty.[44]

School Security Guards

The district shall employ and/or contract for one or more school security guards, in accordance with the provisions of law.[2][25][26][47]

School security guard - an individual employed by the district or a third-party vendor or an independent contractor who is assigned to a school for routine safety and security duties, and has not been granted powers by the court to issue citations, detain individuals or exercise the same powers as exercised by police of the municipality in which the school

property is located, in accordance with law. An independent contractor or individual employed by a third-party vendor contracted with the district shall meet the requirements of contracted services personnel, in accordance with Board policy and the provisions of applicable law.[2][24][26][47]

Background Checks -

Prior to receiving an offer of employment, all school security guards shall comply with the requirements for background checks/certifications and employment history reviews for all school employees, in accordance with applicable law, Board policy and administrative regulations. These requirements are addressed separately in Board policy 304 for school security guards employed by the district and Board policy 818 for school security guards employed by an independent contractor or third-party vendor.[25][26][27][28][29][30]

The district shall conduct a law enforcement agency background investigation in compliance with applicable law and regulations for all school security guards employed by the district and shall review a background investigation conducted for all school security guards employed by an independent contractor or third-party vendor.[31][32]

Following an offer of employment, the district shall request the separation record for a school security guard employed or contracted by the district, in accordance with applicable law and regulations for a law enforcement agency.[33][34]

Requirements -

School security guards shall provide the following services, as directed by the district:[47]

1. School safety support services.
2. Enhanced campus supervision.
3. Assistance with disruptive students.
4. Monitoring visitors on campus.[48]
5. Coordination with law enforcement officials, including school police officers.
6. Security functions which improve and maintain school safety.

School security guards shall successfully complete required training, in accordance with law, and applicable staff training in accordance with Board policy.[47]

School security guards authorized to carry a firearm shall maintain an appropriate license and successfully complete required firearm training in accordance with law.[47]

The district shall make reports regarding hiring and separation, and shall maintain all records, as required for a law enforcement agency, in accordance with applicable law and regulations.[31][36]

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Legal Footnotes

[1] **24 P.S. 1316-C**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[2] **24 P.S. 1301-C**
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[3] **24 P.S. 1309-B**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[4] **24 P.S. 1310-B**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[5] **Pol. 146.1 — Trauma-Informed Approach**
POLICY REFERENCE

[6] **Pol. 227 — Controlled Substances/ Paraphernalia**
POLICY REFERENCE

[7] **Pol. 236 — Student Assistance Program**
POLICY REFERENCE

[8] **Pol. 236.1 — Threat Assessment**
POLICY REFERENCE

[9] **Pol. 249 — Bullying/Cyberbullying**
POLICY REFERENCE

[10] **Pol. 333 — Professional Development**
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[11] **Pol. 351 — Drug and Substance Abuse**
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[12] **Pol. 805 — Emergency Preparedness and Response**
POLICY REFERENCE

[13] **Pol. 819 — Website**
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[14] **24 P.S. 1302-E**
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[15] **24 P.S. 1305-B**
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[16] **24 P.S. 1316-B**
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[17] **24 P.S. 1205.1**
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[18] **24 P.S. 1205.5**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[19] **Pol. 006 — Meetings**
POLICY REFERENCE

[20] **Pol. 235.1 — Surveys**
POLICY REFERENCE

[21] **Pol. 805.1 — Relations With Law Enforcement Agencies**
POLICY REFERENCE

[22] **24 P.S. 1302-C**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[23] **24 P.S. 1310-C**
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[24] **24 P.S. 1311-C**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[25] **Pol. 304**
POLICY REFERENCE
Referenced policy is not available in this policy book.

[26] **Pol. 818 — Contracted Services Personnel**
POLICY REFERENCE

[27] **24 P.S. 111**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[28] **24 P.S. 111.1**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[29] **23 Pa. C.S.A. 6344**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[30] **23 Pa. C.S.A. 6344.3**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[31] 44 Pa. C.S.A. 7301
LEGAL REFERENCE

[32] 37 PA Code 241.5
LEGAL REFERENCE

[33] 44 Pa. C.S.A. 7310
LEGAL REFERENCE

[34] 37 PA Code 241.6
LEGAL REFERENCE

[35] 24 P.S. 1303-C
LEGAL REFERENCE

[36] 37 PA Code 241.1
LEGAL REFERENCE

[37] 24 P.S. 1304-C
LEGAL REFERENCE

[38] 24 P.S. 1305-C
LEGAL REFERENCE

[39] 22 PA Code 10.23
LEGAL REFERENCE

[40] 22 PA Code 14.104
LEGAL REFERENCE

[41] 22 PA Code 14.133
LEGAL REFERENCE

[42] Pol. 113.2 — Behavior Support
POLICY REFERENCE

[43] 24 P.S. 1306-C
LEGAL REFERENCE

[44] 24 P.S. 1307-C
LEGAL REFERENCE

[47] 24 P.S. 1314-C
LEGAL REFERENCE

[48] Pol. 907 — School Visitors
POLICY REFERENCE

BOARD POLICY

822 Automated External Defibrillator (AED)/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

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PURPOSE

The Board is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for the school community.

Maintaining automated external defibrillator (AED) units and staff trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in the schools enables responders to deliver early defibrillation and resuscitation to victims ~~of sudden cardiac arrest~~.

DEFINITION

Automated external defibrillator (AED) - a portable device that uses electric shock to restore a stable heart rhythm to an individual in cardiac arrest.[1]

AUTHORITY

Except in extenuating circumstances, each school shall have ~~at least one (1) person certified in the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) during regular school hours when school is in session and students are present.~~ one (1) person trained and certified in the use of an AED and CPR during the school day when school is in session and students are present.[2][3] The district strongly encourages additional staff members attain certification to increase availability in an emergency situation.[1]

Each school nurse or designee, coach of an athletic activity, marching band director, physical education teacher and athletic trainer in the district must participate in instruction in the use of an AED and CPR and maintain their certification.[2]

The AED units are owned by the district and shall be properly maintained and tested, and located in secure and accessible locations.

The district shall have an AED in a readily accessible location for students participating in interscholastic athletics and practices. Individuals trained in the use of an AED and CPR will

be present during these times.[4][5]

The AED units shall be used in accordance with approved district procedures.

GUIDELINES

A core team shall be trained in CPR and AED procedures by completing a training program offered by approved providers. Members of the team shall be provided opportunities for annual training and retraining.

The district shall make instruction in the use of an AED available to all its employees and volunteers at least once every two (2) years. The instruction is optional and shall be conducted by an approved provider that may be through the Internet or other electronic means.[2]

Written guidelines for medical emergencies related to the use of AED units shall be provided to all employees instructed in the use of an AED.~~members of the core team.~~

Responders' use of AED units shall not replace the care provided by emergency medical services (EMS) providers. Patient care shall be transferred to the EMS providers upon their arrival.

DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and disseminate written guidelines for the use of automated external defibrillator (AED) systems.

~~Automated external defibrillator (AED) units may be used by all members of the district's core team who have successfully completed training and any trained volunteer who has a current course completion card.[2] [1] [3] [4]~~

The Superintendent or designee shall annually, by June 30, report to the PA Department of Education detailing the number, condition, age, expiration date and placement of AEDs in each school building.[6]

Legal Footnotes

[1] 24 P.S. 1401
LEGAL REFERENCE

[2] 24 P.S. 1423.1
LEGAL REFERENCE

[3] 24 P.S. 1424
LEGAL REFERENCE

[4] 24 P.S. 1423.3
LEGAL REFERENCE

[5] Pol. 123 — Interscholastic Athletics
POLICY REFERENCE

[6] 24 P.S. 1423.2
LEGAL REFERENCE