

## NEW SALEM/WENDELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

### ACCIDENT SAFETY PROGRAM

Accidents are undesirable, unplanned occurrences that can result in a range of negative consequences - bodily harm, loss of school time, property damage, legal action, and even fatality. The Superintendent and Principal will guard against such occurrences by taking reasonable precautions to protect the safety of all students, employees, visitors and others present on school property or at school-sponsored events. These steps will be consistent with guidance outlined in the Committee's building and grounds security policy. Safety should be addressed through a combination of physical, procedural, instructional and cultural measures that reflect the needs of the school.

The Principal in consultation with the Superintendent and staff will have responsibility for the safety program of the school. It will be the responsibility of the Superintendent and the Principal to see that appropriate staff members are kept informed of current state and local requirements relating to safety measures including fire prevention, sanitation, public health, and occupational safety. The Superintendent, Principal and staff shall comply with safety requirements established by governmental authorities.

The practice of safety should be integrated into school operations, instruction and procedures. Safety issues will include but are not limited to: accident prevention, fire prevention, emergency procedures, bus, traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian safety, and safe play. Efforts to increase safety shall also reduce the use and prevalence of environmentally hazardous materials and protection/enhancement of environmental factors such as air quality.

SOURCE: MASC

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. 71:55C and Acts of 1985c 614 Sec 1  
Board of Education 603 CMR 36:00

CROSS REFS.: EEAE, School Bus Safety Program  
GBGB, Staff Personal Security and Safety  
IHAM, Health Education  
JLI, Student Safety

**NOTE: In addition to the subcategories of code EB (all of these file locations relate to safety) there are several other places in the NEPN classification system where policies pertaining to safety may be filed, as indicated by the cross references above.**

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