

**Buildings and Grounds Management**

**Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection**

Each building principal shall give attention to the condition of the buildings in his/her care as to cleanliness, heating, ventilation and general maintenance, in order to safeguard the health, safety and comfort of the students and employees. Principals shall report conditions needing attention to the appropriate administrator.

The principal of each school shall regularly inspect and identify any hazardous conditions in his/her area of supervision and promptly report them in writing to the Superintendent's designee. The reports will identify conditions and suggest corrections. The designee shall regularly report to the Superintendent regarding such conditions and plans to correct.

The Superintendent/designee is directed to maintain a proper preventive maintenance program and include adequate funds to sustain this program in the budget recommendation. Provisions of this program should include the following:

1. The Superintendent and building principals will periodically inspect the buildings and grounds and report findings to the Board.
2. Improvements and additions to the buildings and grounds will be made as established by capital outlay line items approved in the budget by the Board.
3. An adequate custodial services program for all buildings will be maintained.
4. School grounds and fields will be maintained and improved when necessary to ensure a safe, functional and attractive environment.
5. District buildings and equipment will be repaired, painted and replaced as needed.
6. Obsolete equipment will be identified.

**Building and Grounds Management****Energy Conservation Measures**

The conservation measures outlined below should be emphasized at the beginning of each heating season. School principals should advise students and faculty members to dress appropriately to offset lower building temperatures. Department heads should advise their personnel of conservation measures put into practice. The cooperation of all concerned will be necessary to make this conservation program successful. Continued emphasis on the need to conserve energy is necessary.

**During the Heating Season**

1. Lower thermostats to obtain a building temperature of 74° degrees Fahrenheit during the day.
2. Adjust heating setback thermostats to obtain nighttime building temperatures of 63°. Where possible, school building thermostats will be set at 50° degrees Fahrenheit to further conserve fuel resources.
3. Pay particular attention to door and window closures to reduce heat costs.
4. The Custodial staff will assess outside air intake systems and adjust where needed to reduce heat loss.

**During the Cooling Season**

1. Hold cooling levels for air-conditioned areas at not lower than 73° degrees Fahrenheit during working hours. Activate setback thermostats unless the physical plant is specifically exempt to provide comfortable temperatures for special programs in a school.

**Other**

1. Reduce interior hall lighting by 50 percent at all times. Insure that classroom lights are out when not in use. Night custodial staff will use minimum lighting necessary to accomplish task.
2. If a special hardship is sustained by an activity, an appeal may be made to the school principal, and Director of Custodial and Maintenance Services, in turn, for an exception to policy.

3. Drivers of public school vehicles are reminded of the State Air Pollution Control Board regulation which prohibits the running of vehicle engines for more than three minutes when the vehicle is parked, except when the engine provides auxiliary service other than for heating or air conditioning. Eliminating unnecessary engine idling when idle time exceeds one minute enhances fuel economy.

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**Hazardous Materials**

The District will follow procedures outlined below in order to comply with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA):

1. Contract with accredited/certified agencies to conduct inspections of school buildings for asbestos-containing materials.
2. Follow recommended procedures to control the release of asbestos fibers upon completion of asbestos inspections.
3. Develop a management plan which lists corrective steps and long-range maintenance of asbestos control procedures. This report shall be made available to the public and filed with appropriate state agencies.
4. Post warnings on all areas containing asbestos and notify students, parents, and employees regarding the afflicted areas.

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**Accident Reporting**

The following guidelines are to be used to determine whether or not a report is to be completed.

A report should be completed when:

1. The accident requires that a doctor be called.
2. The accident results in absence of student for one-half day or more.
3. The accident results in a serious injury.
4. When in doubt about whether or not a report is needed, complete one.
5. Minimum of \$500.00 property damage.

**Accident Report Procedure**

1. The building administrator, designee, or nurse initiates the report.
2. The person in charge at the time of the accident completes the Accident Report form.
3. The Accident Report form is returned in one day to the building office and is forward to the principal.
4. Principal reviews the report and makes a recommendation for corrective action to be taken or notes action taken.
5. The principal forwards the original copy to the Superintendent/designee. A copy remains in the school.
6. The Superintendent/designee is responsible for evaluation of the report. It is to serve as a basis for a safety and accident prevention program.

**Safety, Security and Communications**

**Weather, Earthquake and Fire Emergencies**

The Board recognizes the necessity for a planned safety program to ensure to the extent possible a safe environment for students, staff and visitors. The responsibility for ensuring safe conditions throughout the District is shared by the Board, Superintendent and staff. The Superintendent, at the Board's direction will be responsible for the development and implementation of a safety program to include, but not be limited to, weather, fire and civil defense emergencies.

The Superintendent/designee is authorized to dismiss schools, at his/her discretion, because of hazardous road conditions or other conditions, which would make the operation of schools impractical or hazardous to students and staff.

At the direction of the Superintendent/designee, building principals will determine areas in each building, which, in the principal's opinion, are best, suited for the protection of students and staff during civil defense emergencies. School will not be dismissed in the case of civil defense alerts or tornado warnings.

The Superintendent/designee will provide for fire inspections on an announced and unannounced basis for each building. The Superintendent/designee will also be responsible for remedying unsafe conditions in school buildings, which have been reported by local fire marshals acting in their official capacity. Building principals are responsible for preparing a fire drill and emergency exit plan for their buildings. Exit plans will be posted in each classroom and reviewed with the students on a regular basis. Fire drills will be conducted during the first full week of school and on a quarterly basis thereafter to ensure safe and efficient exit in the event of an emergency.

## **SUPPORT SERVICES**

## **Regulation 5540**

### **Food Service Program**

#### **Food Safety**

In order to implement the District's Food Safety Program, standard operating procedures should be developed in the following area:

##### General Safety Considerations

- Prohibit bare hand contact with ready to eat foods
- Store chemicals away from food and food related supplies

##### Personnel

- Require hand washing after restroom use, sneezing, coughing, or after performing any cleaning activity.
- Develop a policy for restricting or excluding ill employees from food production or preparation areas.

##### Product Procurement

- Follow recommendations for selecting vendors such as those found in State distributing agency vendor certification procedures.
- Develop buyer product specifications.

##### Receiving

- Reject all cans with swollen sides or ends, flawed seals and seams, rust or dents.
- Put perishable foods into the refrigerator or freezer immediately.

##### Storing

- Store all food and paper supplies 6 to 8 inches off the floor.
- Label all food with name of the school and delivery date.

##### Transporting

- Preheat transfer cart prior to use.
- Limit transport travel time to a maximum of 2 hours.

### Holding

- Keep hot foods hot (above 135 °F) and cold foods cold (below 41 °F).

### Preparation

- Do not keep food in the “danger zone” (between 41 °F and 135 °F) for more than 4 hours.
- Handle food with utensils, clean, gloved hands, or clean hands. (Bare hand contact with food during preparation should be limited. Bare hand contact with RTE foods should be prohibited.)

### Cleaning / Sanitizing

- Use clean water, free of grease and food particles.
- Keep wiping cloths in sanitizing solution while cleaning.

### Cooking and Documenting Temperatures

- Record all temperatures when they are taken.
- Use only a clean and sanitized thermometer when taking internal temperatures of food.

### Cooling

- Cool rapidly by storing food in small batches in individual containers; cover loosely so that heat can escape quickly.
- Keep cold foods cold by pre-chilling ingredients for salads.

### Reheating

- Transfer reheated food to hot-holding equipment only when the food reaches the proper temperature.
- Use only cooking ranges, ovens, steamers, and microwave ovens to reheat foods. Use hot-holding equipment only to maintain temperature and not for rapidly heating food.

**Transportation****Student Transportation Services**

Pupil transportation is a necessary auxiliary service and an integral part of the total educational program of the District. The time students spend on the bus exerts an important influence on the physical and mental condition that students bring to the classroom. Therefore, the major objectives of the pupil transportation program are as follows:

1. Provide the means by which students can reach school under safe and healthful conditions with as little time on the bus as is reasonably necessary.
2. Provide for an efficient and economical transportation system.
3. Adapt transportation to the requirements of the instructional program.

Any student whose conduct on a school bus is improper or jeopardizes the safety of other students may have his/her right to school bus transportation suspended for such period of time as deemed proper by the Superintendent, building principal or designee. Uniform rules of conduct and disciplinary measures will be enforced. Student handbooks will be revised and updated annually.

The transportation service will be subject to continual supervision and regular evaluation on the basis of the following Board policies:

1. The Board of Education shall adopt policies governing pupil transportation upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and shall include adequate funds in the budget to cover the cost of the transportation contract, secure proper authorization for the provision of transportation, and approve bus routes each September.
2. The Superintendent shall assign administrative and operational duties regarding the transportation program, and shall keep the Board of Education informed as to the operation and needs of the student transportation program. The Superintendent shall recommend policies, budget and bus routes to the Board of Education for approval.
3. School administrators may be asked to ride certain bus routes and report their findings to the Superintendent. All violations of state and local requirements will be reported.

4. The Superintendent/designee will make spot checks of buses throughout the year to review compliance with requirements.
5. The Superintendent/designee will meet at least once a year with all the bus drivers.

Only those students who meet eligibility requirements by means of residence will be permitted to use school bus transportation for the purpose of travel to and from school. Other vehicles owned by the District or operated under contract with the School District shall transport no more children than the manufacturer suggests as appropriate for such vehicle.

**Transportation**

**Field Trips**

**Definitions**

*Field trip* – A planned visit outside the classroom taken by students under the supervision of a teacher or other school official for the purpose of extending the instructional activities of the classroom through first-hand experience and participation in functional situations that relate directly to what is being studied.

*Local field trip* – A field trip that usually falls within a twenty-five (25) mile radius of the school, takes place within the regular school day and uses contracted or District transportation.

*Out-of-area field trip* – A field trip that fulfills any one of the following conditions: covers more than a twenty-five (25) mile radius, requires more than one day, uses contracted or District transportation, includes additional transportation fees, or involves other unusual circumstances.

*Private transportation* – The use of private vehicles for transporting students for field trips, school events and other school activities. Refer to Policy and Regulation 5661 – Field Trip Transportation in Private Vehicles/Common Carriers.

**Financing Field Trips**

The use of bus transportation services for field trips may be authorized from Board of Education appropriated funds budgeted for field trips if approved by the Superintendent/designee.

Field trip transportation may be funded from sources other than Board of Education funds. This may include PTO contributions, authorized fees, government funds, and income generated by school activities.

**Requests for Field Trips**

All requests for use of school buses for field trips shall be made on the appropriate District form and shall be submitted to the principal for approval.

Requests for all out-of-area field trips shall be submitted through the principal for approval by the Superintendent/designee. When District bus transportation is used, a copy of the appropriate District form should be attached.

Field trip requests should be submitted early enough to permit a timely review by the principal.

### **Student Permission Form**

All students shall be required to have a parent/guardian signed permission form to participate in a field trip. In cases where there is a series of field trips for a class, only one permission form is necessary.

### **Study/Travel/Tour Programs**

There are numerous study/travel/tour programs promoted and operated by commercial organizations, not only during summer vacations and holidays, but also at times during the school year.

#### **1. Official Programs**

- a. On occasion, it may be appropriate for the schools to make use of the facilities of commercial organizations to offer study, travel or tour programs. The Superintendent/ designee shall have approved all aspects of such programs, and notification of the programs, together with implementing procedures, shall be sent to the schools. These should be designed for the summer vacation, holidays or for other times that do not entail long absences of either teachers or students from the regular school session.
- b. In the event that any teacher would like to propose such a program, he/she should submit a written request through the school principal for approval by the Superintendent/designee. Requests should be submitted early enough to permit adequate review at all levels; otherwise requests shall be denied.
- c. The program should be undertaken to achieve valid educational objectives to warrant support by the school and the District. Care should be exercised to avoid excluding students from participating in the program because of their economic circumstances.

#### **2. Non-Official Programs**

- a. Nonofficial study/travel/tour programs are ones that are not approved by the school and/or the District.

- b. Any private group involving school personnel, students and parents that is formed for the purpose of studying, traveling or touring shall abide by the following guidelines:
  - i. The planning of any such activity and the activity itself shall be scheduled outside of the regular school day.
  - ii. The activity shall not be sanctioned, recommended or advertised by a school and/or school personnel in an official capacity.
  - iii. Solicitation of participation by students shall not be conducted in any school during the school day.
  - iv. The activity shall not receive any school or District funds, supplies or duty time of employees.
  
- c. School personnel participating in nonofficial programs should:
  - i. Be aware that administrative leave will not be granted for participation in such programs.
  - ii. Be careful not to imply in any way that a nonofficial program is receiving official sanction or recognition by the school or District.
  - iii. Be familiar with current policies and regulations regarding conflict of interest and be particularly careful not to accept or receive any gift, loan, gratuity, favor or service of economic value that might reasonably be expected to influence one in his/her position in the discharge of his/her duties, from any person.

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**Field Trip Transportation in Private Vehicles/Common Carriers**

The following requirements will be enforced when transporting students by common carrier:

1. Terms of the transportation services provided by the common carrier will be recited in a written contract.
2. Common carriers will provide evidence of liability insurance in an amount equal to at least five (5) million dollars per accident.
3. Common carriers will provide evidence of safety inspection and compliance approved by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.
4. Drivers of commercial carriers must possess a valid Missouri commercial driver's license and must comply with all provisions of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

The following requirements will be enforced when transporting students in vehicles other than district buses or common carriers:

1. Vehicles must be properly licensed and display a current safety inspection sticker.
2. Vehicle driver must have a current Missouri operator's license.
3. Vehicles must be equipped with operable safety restraints.
4. Vehicles must be insured by current liability insurance.