

STUDENT SAFETY

Background

The District recognizes that it has a responsibility to provide for the safety of its students. Every reasonable effort will be made to provide students with a safe learning environment.

Procedures

1. Principals are responsible for:
 - 1.1 Providing information to staff on the common-law doctrine of in loco parentis, which requires that employees act as a reasonable and prudent parent would in similar circumstances.
 - 1.2 Making copies of the document, *Safety Guidelines for Physical Activity in Alberta Schools*, readily available to staff.
 - 1.3 Requiring appropriate and adequate supervision at all school-sponsored activities.
 - 1.4 Providing the opportunity for staff to take certified first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses.
2. Teachers are responsible for:
 - 2.1 Becoming familiar with the document, *Safety Guidelines for physical Activity in Alberta Schools*, and using the guidelines for the teaching and planning of those physical education activities specified within the document.
 - 2.2 Taking into consideration the safety guidelines for the teaching and supervision of various sporting or physical education activities as described in the document, *Safety Guidelines*, when planning such activities.
 - 2.3 Planning activities that are suitable to the age, mental and physical condition of the participants.
 - 2.4 Planning teaching and coaching students in a progressive fashion to perform the activity properly.
 - 2.5 Checking the adequacy of the equipment and the suitability of its arrangement.
 - 2.6 Providing proper supervision for the activity and the inherent risk involved.
 - 2.7 Obtaining the approval of the Principal for school-sponsored events that take place outside of the school.

- 2.8 Following safety practices identified in various Programs of Studies, as prescribed by Alberta Education.
3. The supervisor of operations is responsible for the inspection, on a regular basis, of all physical activity facilities, including playing surfaces, playgrounds and major equipment.
4. Copies of the document, Safety Guidelines for Physical Activity in Alberta Schools are to be available to the staff, as required, at each school.
5. Principals shall advise staff:
 - 5.1 To take into consideration such factors as the number of students being supervised, the age, maturity, level of skill and knowledge, and behavioral propensities of the student, the nature of the activity, the type of the activity and weather conditions when planning for or teaching or coaching students in physical activities.
6. Teachers should:
 - 6.1 Regularly inspect equipment used at the school for sporting and physical activities.
 - 6.2 Obtain approval from the Principal for sporting and physical activities that take place at venues other than the school site.
7. All staff should become familiar with the following administrative procedures which address student safety in the following areas:

AP 132	Inclement Weather
AP 531	Traffic and Parking Control
AP 533	Hazardous Materials Management
AP 350	Student Conduct
AP 354	Suspension and Expulsion of Students
AP 352	Student Dress Code
AP 355	Use of Alcohol, Restricted and Illicit Drugs
AP 313	Student Health Services
AP 216	Off-Campus Education
AP 530	Building and Grounds Maintenance
AP 535	Community Use of Facilities/Joint Use
AP 311	Emergency/Disaster Plan
AP 312	Evacuation Drills
AP 131	Emergency Closure of Facilities
AP 540	Student Transportation Services
AP 543	Transportation of Students/Private Vehicles

AP 260 Field Trips and Excursions

Reference: Section 45, School Act