

OPERATIONAL SERVICES**School Safety**

The Board recognizes that safety and health standards should be incorporated into all aspects of the operation of the District. Rules for safety and prevention of accidents will be posted in compliance with Montana Safety Culture Act and the Montana Occupational Safety and Health Act. Injuries and accidents will be reported to the District office.

The building principal will develop a plan that identifies the risks posed by potential local hazards within the boundaries of the District. This plan and procedures will be discussed and distributed to each teacher at the beginning of each school year. There will be at least eight (8) disaster drills a year. All teachers will discuss disaster drill procedures with their class at the beginning of each year and will have them posted in a conspicuous place next to the exit door. A record will be kept of all fire drills. The drills will be held at different hours of the day or evening to avoid distinction between drills and actual disasters. The Superintendent will develop safety and health standards that comply with the Montana Safety Culture Act.

Safety or Emergency Plans

The Board shall review the school safety or emergency operations plan periodically and update the plan as determined necessary by the trustees based on changing circumstances pertaining to school safety. Once the Board has made the certification to OPI, it may transfer funds pursuant to Section 20-1-401, MCA to make improvements to school safety and security.

School Closure

The Superintendent is authorized to close the schools in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies that threaten the safety of students, staff members, or school property. Specific procedures for school closures may be found in the District's Safety Plan or Emergency Operations Plan. The Board shall periodically review the District's Safety Plan or Emergency Operations Plan and shall update the plan as necessary based upon changing circumstances regarding school safety.

Hazardous and Infectious Materials

The Superintendent shall take all reasonable measures to protect the safety of District personnel, students, and visitors on District premises from risks associated with hazardous materials, including pesticide, and infectious materials. Specific procedures for handling hazardous or infectious materials may be found in the District's Safety Plan.

Safety Measures

The Superintendent is authorized to adopt reasonable safety measures to protect the safety of District personnel, students, and visitors on District premises and during school-related activities.

Reasonable safety measures include adoption of cleaning/sanitization plans, use of physical safeguards/barriers, and required use of personal protective equipment (*e.g.*, face masks). Exceptions to any requirements adopted by the Superintendent may be granted as required by law and on a case-by-case basis.

Legal References:	§ 20-1-401, MCA	Disaster drills
	§ 20-1-402, MCA	Number of disaster drills required – time of drills to vary
	§ 20-1-801, et al., MCA	Emergency School Closure
	§§ 39-71-1501, MCA	Montana Safety Culture Act
	§ 50-71-111, et. seq., MCA	Montana Occupational Health and Safety Act

Cross References:

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