

Section: **MANAGEMENT SUPPORT**

Policy Title: **Safety, Operations and Maintenance of School Property**

Facilities Maintenance

The superintendent will provide for a program to maintain the district physical plant and grounds by way of a continuous program of repair, maintenance and reconditioning. Budget recommendations will be made each year to meet these needs and any such needs arising from an emergency.

Infrastructure Management

The Kelso Board of Directors also desires to maintain the infrastructure of district facilities.

In order to assure state funding, for facilities constructed new or new in lieu after 1994, the board will adopt an asset preservation program (APP). The APP will preserve the district facilities by employing a system of predictive, preventative, and proactive processes. Annually, the superintendent will report to the board on the condition of facilities and the effectiveness of the APP. Every sixth year an independent assessment will be conducted and reported to the board and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Additionally, the superintendent will develop a process to evaluate all pre-1994 facilities for possible participation in the asset preservation program.

For initial participation in the APP, the board will submit a resolution to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction committing the district to implement the program.

The superintendent will develop procedures for the asset preservation program.

Playground Equipment

The board recognizes that playground equipment is an essential part of a complete school facility. All playground equipment, whether purchased by the district or donated by a community or school-related group, should be assessed in terms of suitability and durability and for possible health or safety hazards. Consideration will also be given to potential hazards when the playground is unsupervised during non-school hours.

The superintendent, or his/her designee, will develop specifications for playground equipment and related play surfaces. These specifications will serve as criteria for the selection of playground equipment. Selection and installation of playground equipment will be based upon safety and contribution to child development.

Chemical and Laboratory Safety

The board recognizes the potential health and safety hazards that exist as a result of chemical storage and handling. Instruction will be emphasized in the safe and proper use of chemicals and substances and proper laboratory techniques. All students and staff are to wear safety glasses or goggles whenever they are working under potentially hazardous conditions. Laboratories should be ventilated sufficiently enough to provide a healthful, non-hazardous environment.

The superintendent, or his/her designee, is directed to establish safety guidelines and procedures that will minimize the hazards inherent in the science classes and laboratories in the schools.

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| Cross References: | Policy 2151 | Interscholastic Activities |
| | Policy 3520 | Student Fees, Fines, or Charges |
| | Policy 6511 | Staff Safety |
| | Policy 6605 | Student Safety Walking to School and Riding Buses |

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| Legal References: | RCW 28A. 335.300 | Playground matting |
| | RCW 28A.635.060 | Defacing or injuring school prop[erty] - |
| | | Liability of pupil, parent, or |
| | | gadian - Withholding grades, |
| | | diploma, or transcripts - |
| | | Suspension and restitution - |
| | | Voluntary work program as |
| | | alternative - Rights proptected |
| | WAC 392-347-023 | State Assistance in post 1993 facilities |

Management Resources:
Policy News, October 2011
Policy News, June 2009

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