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## SAFETY POLICY

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 71, section 37H, the Chicopee School Committee hereby adopts a safety policy on behalf of the students and staff of, and visitors to, the Chicopee Public Schools.

It is the goal and responsibility of the Chicopee School District to ensure that all district programs and facilities are maintained at a consistent level designed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the students, employees, and the public while on school property or at school-sponsored events.

In order to accomplish these objectives, the School District will:

1. Implement procedures which provide for a safe physical environment for staff, students, and the public on school grounds and at all school sponsored events;
2. Provide for the ongoing safety education of students;
3. Implement procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency;
4. Provide a program of bus safety;
5. Provide assistance to students and staff in crisis situations;
6. Establish and maintain a professional partnership with law enforcement officials;
7. Utilize legal resources and authorities when appropriate;
8. Establish a discipline code and policy that both complies with the requirements of government authorities and supports the effort to promote safety;
9. Establish a school safety handbook and a safety committee;
10. Establish policies to carry out the statutory mandate;
11. Offer training to achieve these goals.

The Superintendent will have overall responsibility for the safety program of the school system, and will be responsible for seeing that appropriate staff members, including principals, teachers, custodial/maintenance employees, and other staff are kept informed of current state and local requirements relating to fire prevention, civil defense, sanitation, public health, and occupational safety.

Legal Ref.: M.G.L. c. 71 s. 55C; 603 CMR 36:00

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*\*Please refer to the Building Security Procedures (File: E1.1) and the School Safety Committee Procedure (E1.2) located in the Chicopee Public Schools Procedures Manual.*