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## STUDENT WELFARE

### Supervision of Students

School personnel assigned supervision are expected to act as reasonably prudent adults in providing for the safety of the students in their charge.

In keeping with this expected prudence, no teacher or other staff member will leave his/her assigned group unsupervised except as an arrangement has been made to take care of an emergency.

During school hours or while engaging in school-sponsored activities, students will be released only into the custody of parents or other persons authorized in writing by a parent or guardian.

Each school is responsible for the safety of students during the school day. No student shall leave the school grounds at any time other than general dismissal except with written permission from a parent or guardian and the building Principal's authorization. Students in grades Pre-K – 8 shall not be released except in the care of the parent or guardian registered on the school record, or other person authorized by such parent or guardian. Parents are responsible for advising the school where the child is attending of any restraining orders or court orders which affect parental rights with respect to students.

### Parental Responsibility for Students Before and After School

The School Committee is responsible for the bus transportation of students, within certain mileage limitations set out in its policy. In lieu, thereof, for those students who walk to and from school, the District provides crossing guards for students and initial supervision in the areas of the school building within fifteen (15) minutes before the school day and fifteen (15) minutes after dismissal.

Parents are responsible for students who arrive more than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the school day, or who leave school grounds after dismissal, or remain on school grounds fifteen (15) minutes following dismissal. Supervision will not be provided beyond those limitations, unless the student is authorized to remain on school grounds for a school related reason.

If it is determined by the building principal, after two (2) occasions of a student arriving more than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the school day or remaining on school grounds after the fifteen (15) minute dismissal period, that adequate arrangements have not been made for transportation of the student by the parent, the parent will be notified, in writing, that the student will either, a) be directed onto the appropriate bus if a bus student, or, b) be directed off school premises and the parent will be responsible for providing supervision beyond that time.

### Reporting to Authorities - Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect

Any school official or employee shall report any suspected child abuse or neglect as required by MGL Ch. 119, S 51A.

In accordance with the law, the District shall establish the necessary regulations and procedures to comply with the intent of the Act consistent with the District's responsibility to the students, parents, District personnel, and the community.

**Student Safety**

Instruction in courses in industrial arts, science, homemaking, art, physical education, health, and safety will include and emphasize accident prevention.

Safety instruction will precede the use of materials and equipment by students in applicable units of work, and instructors will teach and enforce all safety rules set up for the particular courses. These include the wearing of protective eye devices in appropriate activities.

**Student Allergies**

The Chicopee Public Schools recognize the increasing prevalence of student allergies and the life-threatening nature of the allergies for many students. The administration shall develop and implement procedures to minimize the risk of exposure to allergens that pose a threat to students, to educate all members of the school community, and to plan for the individual needs of students with life-threatening allergies. Further, these procedures will aim to assist students in assuming more individual responsibility for their health and safety as they grow older, and to ensure full participation in school activities.

**Safety on the Playground and Playing Field**

The District shall provide safe play areas. Precautionary measures, which the District requires, shall include:

- A periodic inspection of the school's playground and playing fields by the Principal of the school and others as may be deemed appropriate;
- Instruction of students in the proper use of equipment;
- Supervision of both organized and unorganized activity;

**Fire Drills**

The District shall cooperate with appropriate fire departments in the conduct of fire drills.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Reg SC Mtg 10/21/2009

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Reg SC Mtg 11/4/2009