

STUDENT SAFETY

Background

Students learn best in an atmosphere that provides for their physical well-being and comfort.

The Division requires a planned and continuous safety program to be in place in each school. The Principal of each school, under the supervision of the Area Superintendent of Education, shall be responsible for the general organization, administration and supervision of such programs.

Procedures

1. Principals in consultation with School Community Councils shall make such regulations that will assure the safety of the students while in attendance at school.
2. School buildings and equipment including playground equipment and buses, shall be regularly inspected for health, fire and safety hazards by the Principal and other designated personnel.
3. Principals shall be required to ensure that fire extinguishers are periodically checked.
4. The Division shall provide fire extinguishers in the following areas of the school: furnace room, laboratory, Home Economics Room, Industrial Arts shop and in the hallways.
5. All furnace rooms shall be equipped with heat detectors.
6. Hallways and instructional areas without natural lighting shall be equipped with emergency lights.
7. All safety hazards which cannot be corrected by the caretaker, are to be reported by the Principal to the Superintendent of Education and the Superintendent of Facilities in writing.
8. Principals are required to ensure compliance with the Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

Reference: Sections 85, 108, 109, 175, 231 Education Act
National Fire Code of Canada