

Weakley County Board of Education

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3.201

Safety

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Within board policy, the principal shall develop procedures for keeping school facilities safe and free from hazards.

All staff members shall report current and potential hazards to their immediate supervisors.

Each principal is responsible for seeing that the practice of safety is a part of the instructional program of the school and that it is appropriately geared to students at different grade levels.¹

The program shall include:

1. Fire prevention
2. Accident prevention
3. Warning systems
4. Emergency drills (Fire, severe weather, earthquake, and bomb threat)
5. Emergency closings
6. Traffic safety
7. Traffic and parking controls
8. Safety inspections
9. First aid
10. A disaster preparedness plan for a nuclear or other major emergency.

In order to help our facilities to be safe and free from violence, the perimeter doors of the school buildings shall be locked during instruction hours if at all possible. This will allow staff and students to exit the building, but discourage visitors or intruders from entering the building without being monitored.

Interior classroom doors should remain unlocked and kept free of obstructions such as door wedges that could cause doors to remain open in the event of a fire or other emergencies.

Only students assigned to the school, the staff of the school, parents of students, and other persons with lawful and valid business on the school premises shall enter onto the grounds or into the buildings of the schools during the hours of student instruction.

All visitors must sign in at the office. All staff members shall report to the principal any persons appearing to be improperly on school premises.²

The principal shall secure assistance from law enforcement officials when he deems it necessary in order to maintain order or security during the school day or during extracurricular activities at school.

Legal References:

1. TCA 49-6-1003
2. TCA 49-6-2008

Cross References:

Visitors to the School 1.501
Care of School Property 6.311