

STUDENT WELFARE

Supervision of Students

School personnel in the North Middlesex Regional School District assigned supervision are expected to make safety a priority for the students in their charge.

No teacher or other staff member will leave his/her assigned group unsupervised except when 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/guardians or other persons authorized in writing by a parent/guardian.

Reporting to Authorities - Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect

Any school official or employee shall report any suspected child abuse or neglect as required by M.G.L. 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 such as science, engineering, life skills, 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 established for particular courses. This includes wearing eye protection when required.

Safety on the Playground and Playing Field

The district shall provide safe play areas. Precautionary measures, shall include:

- A periodic inspection of the school's playground and playing fields by the principal, building custodian, and Director of Facilities, as may be deemed appropriate;
- Instruction of students in the proper use of equipment;
- Supervision of both organized and unorganized activity.

Fire Drills and Reporting

The district shall cooperate with appropriate fire departments in the conduct of fire drills. The principal of any school shall immediately report any incident of unauthorized ignition of any fire within the school

building or on school grounds, to the local fire department. Within 24 hours, the principal shall submit a written report of the incident to the head of the fire department on a form furnished by the Department of Fire Services. The principal must file this report whether or not the fire department responded.

LEGAL REFS: MGL [71:37L](#); [148:2A](#)

CROSS REF.: EB, Safety Program
 EBC, Emergency Plans
 EC, Building and Grounds Management

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