

Purpose

To establish a policy on environmental management and safety program

Definitions

N/A

Policy Statement

The Board of Education of Allegany County shall comply with all standards as established by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The Board shall encourage all contractors awarded contracts to comply with all local, state and Federal regulations.

The Board of Education believes that safety is the responsibility of every employee. To achieve this responsibility, the Board requires:

- a. Informal weekly inspections of physical sites. Formal annual inspections per OSHA guidelines.
- b. A review for safety of all supplies conducted prior to purchase, not once in use.
- c. Periodic safety training as required by OSHA
- d. Injuries be defined in categories utilizing either severity of injury (first aid or hospital; outpatient or inpatient), or by monetary value. It is important that someone outside the affected school investigate serious accidents.
- e. A climate where the safety of all employees, students, and visitors is paramount.
- f. The development of Emergency Plans in each educational facility in compliance with COMAR 13A.02.02.

The practice of safety also shall be considered a facet of the instructional program in the Allegany County Schools, and instruction in accident prevention as well as fire prevention; emergency procedures; traffic, bicycle and pedestrian safety shall be provided in the appropriate grades and classes.

Every principal shall be responsible for the supervision of a safety program for respective schools. The superintendent shall have overall responsibility for the safety program of the Allegany County Schools. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to see that appropriate staff members are kept informed of current state and local requirements relating to fire prevention, civil defense, sanitation, public health and occupational safety.

Legal Reference			
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