

Safety Program

Accidents are undesirable, unplanned occurrences that can result in tragic consequences – bodily harm, loss of school time, property damage, legal action, and even fatality. The Westfield School Committee will guard against such occurrences by taking every possible precaution to protect the safety of all students, employees, and others present on school property or at school-sponsored events.

The committee will comply with safety requirements established by governmental authorities and will require that its staff adhere to recommended safety practices as these pertain, for example, to the school plant, special areas of instruction, student transportation, school sports and occupational safety.

The practice of safety will also be considered a facet of the instructional program of the schools. Instruction in accident prevention as well as fire prevention; emergency procedures; traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian safety.

The Superintendent or designee will have overall responsibility for the safety program of the school system. It will be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee 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.

Efforts directed toward the prevention of accidents will succeed only to the degree that all staff members recognize that preventing accidents is a daily operational responsibility.

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Board of Education 603 CMR 36:00

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GBGB Staff Personal Security and Safety

IHAM Health Education

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