

## **SAFETY CONDITIONS AND PREVENTION INSTRUCTION**

The practice of safety will be considered an integral part of the instructional program through fire prevention, emergency procedures and drills, driver education, and traffic and pedestrian safety. Each principal will be responsible for the supervision of a safety program for his or her school. The safety program may include, but is not limited to, in-service training, plant inspection, fire prevention, accident recordkeeping, driver and vehicle safety programs, emergency procedures and drills, and traffic safety programs relevant to students, employees, and the community.

### **Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Instruction in Health Education**

The District will provide a health education program that includes appropriate instruction for all students concerning Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Accurate information concerning the nature of the disease, methods of transmission, and means of prevention will be provided in an age-appropriate manner, will be consistent with community values, and will stress that abstinence is the most appropriate and effective premarital protection against AIDS.

The Safety Committee consisting of appropriate school personnel, Board members, parents/guardians, religious representatives, and other community members will make recommendations for curriculum content, implementation, and evaluation of an AIDS instructional program. Appropriate training will be provided for instructional staff.

No student will be required to receive instruction concerning the methods of AIDS prevention if his or her parent or legal guardian files with the principal a written request that the student not participate in this instruction, with an assurance that the student will receive this instruction at home.

AIDS instruction in the elementary grades will be taught by the regular classroom teachers, while this instruction in the middle and high school grades will be a part of the required health education curriculum.

### **Hands-Only Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Instruction**

High school students will be provided instruction in hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an AED. Standards for this instruction will be based on a nationally recognized instructional program that utilizes the most current guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiovascular care issued by the American Heart Association or a substantially equivalent organization, that are consistent with the requirements of the programs adopted by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross, and that will incorporate instruction designed to:

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- a) Recognize the signs of a possible cardiac arrest and to call 911;
- b) Provide an opportunity to demonstrate the psychomotor skills necessary to perform hands-only compression cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and
- c) Provide awareness in the use of an AED.

The Committee on Special Education or a Multidisciplinary Team, in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, may determine, on an individual student basis, if a student with a disability should be excused from the requirement for instruction in hands-only CPR and the use of AEDs.

#### Environmental Conservation Instruction

The Board supports and encourages the development of a District-wide, articulated curriculum of environmental conservation integrated into other program disciplines.

#### Fire and Arson Prevention/Injury Prevention/Life Safety Education

District administration will provide instruction in fire and arson prevention, injury prevention, and life safety education relating to protection against injury or death and property loss or damage as a result of criminally initiated or other preventable fire.

This instruction will include materials to educate children on the dangers of falsely reporting a criminal incident, an impending explosion or fire emergency involving danger to life or property, an impending catastrophe, or a life safety emergency.

#### Student Safety

Instruction in courses in technology education, science, home and career skills, health and safety, physical education, and art will include and emphasize safety and accident prevention.

Safety instruction will precede the use of materials and equipment by students in applicable units of work in relevant courses, and instructors will teach and enforce all safety procedures relating to the particular courses, including wearing protective eye devices during appropriate activities.

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### Eye Safety

The Superintendent or designee will ensure that eye safety devices are distributed as necessary and that they are properly repaired, cleaned, and stored to prevent the spread of germs or diseases after use. Each classroom teacher is responsible for the safe and proper use of all instructional materials and equipment by students in his or her classroom.

### Emergency Planning

The District will maintain updated plans and operating procedures to be followed in the event of natural or manmade disasters or enemy attack. Students will be provided instruction to respond effectively in emergency situations.

### Instruction on Prevention of Child Abduction

All students in grades K through 8 in District schools will receive instruction designed to prevent the abduction of children provided by or under the direct supervision of regular classroom teachers. The Board will provide appropriate training and curriculum materials for the regular classroom teachers who provide this instruction. However, at the Board's discretion, this instruction may be provided by any other public or private agency.

The Commissioner of Education will provide technical assistance to assist in developing curricula for these courses of study which must be age appropriate and developed according to the needs and abilities of students at successive grade levels in order to provide awareness skills, information, self-confidence, and support to aid in the prevention of child abduction.

For purposes of developing these courses of study, the Board may establish local advisory councils or utilize the school-based shared decision making and planning committee established under the Commissioner's regulations to make recommendations concerning the content and implementation of these courses. Alternatively, the District may utilize courses of instruction developed by consortia of school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, other school districts, or any other public or private agency. The advisory council will consist of, but not be limited to, parents/guardians, school trustees and Board members, appropriate school personnel, business and community representatives, and law enforcement personnel having experience in the prevention of child abduction.

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### Instruction on Child Development and Parenting Skills

Instruction regarding child development and parenting skills may be offered by the District. The curriculum will include instruction on the consequences and prevention of shaken baby syndrome, which may include the viewing of a video presentation for students in secondary schools.

Education Law §§ 409, 409-a, 807, 807-a, and 906

8 NYCRR Part 136 and § 141.10

AIDS Instruction:

8 NYCRR §§ 135.3(b)(2) and 135.3(c)(2)

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillators:

Education Law §§ 804-C and 804-D; 8 NYCRR § 100.2(c)(11)

Civil Preparedness:

New York State Office of Disaster Preparedness

Fire and Arson/Injury Prevention/Life Safety:

Education Law § 808

8 NYCRR § 100.2(c)(6)

Prevention of Child Abduction:

Education Law § 803-a

Student Safety:

Education Law § 808

8 NYCRR §§ 107 and 155

Instruction on Child Development and Parenting Skills

Education Law § 804-B

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