

POLICY

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7430.1 STUDENT SAFETY - PERSONAL AND POSSESSIONS

The staff must maintain complete classroom and playground supervision during regular school hours. The Superintendent shall seek the cooperation of parents/guardians to prevent any children being unsupervised on school property during lunch hour and during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal times. Further, the Superintendent shall seek the cooperation of the police and other appropriate agencies in providing for the safety of pupils on or around school property.

The Principal shall inform all staff of school safety rules and regulations at the beginning of the school year and shall post copies of the rules in a prominent place in each school. Special emphasis shall be given to accident prevention and precautionary measures in case of fire.

No student in grades Kindergarten through eight shall be permitted to leave the school before the end of the school day unless met in the school office and signed out by a parent/guardian or a person authorized to act in his/her behalf.

Each school shall set up procedures to validate requests for early dismissal to assure that children are released only for proper reasons and into proper hands. No student may be released on the basis of an unvalidated telephone call. No teacher shall send any pupil on a private errand.

A record shall be kept indicating the legal custodian of each student. Such custodian shall be responsible for informing the Board of any change in the student's custody.

If one parent/guardian has been awarded custody of the student in a divorce, the other parent/guardian shall present to the Principal a letter authorizing him/her to accompany the child from school before the child may be released. The Principal may take such reasonable steps as may be necessary to verify the letter.

It is the responsibility of the person or agency in custody to inform the school that such authorization will be required.

Parents/guardians are requested not to permit their children to bring expensive or fragile objects to school and to label or otherwise identify clothing, books and personal items. The Board is not responsible for items destroyed or stolen from lockers.

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