

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS SECURITY

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Security of school district facilities is an important part of maintaining a safe learning environment for students and staff and for protecting the investments of the school district. The Superintendent or designee will develop and implement programs or procedures as necessary to meet, at a minimum, the following board requirements for security of facilities.

- The school district will use a security control system that will limit access to keys or other building entry devices to authorized personnel and will safeguard against unauthorized individuals gaining entry to buildings.
- The Superintendent will determine the need for and responsibilities of security personnel and will make recommendations as appropriate to the board for funding security personnel positions or contracts.
- The Superintendent will ensure that local law enforcement and emergency management agencies have copies of floor plans of all school buildings and site plans showing campus boundaries and access points.
- Principals will make reasonable efforts to secure buildings and other valuable property on school grounds when the school is closed or vacated.
- Teachers will make reasonable efforts to secure their assigned classrooms or other designated space when the school is closed or vacated or when the classroom or other designated space is not in use.
- Principals are encouraged to involve teachers, other school staff, parents, students and law enforcement in identifying the security needs of the school.
- Principals will implement programs or make recommendations to the Superintendent and Board as appropriate to address the security needs of the school.

The School Board may authorize the offering of rewards to persons able to supply information leading to the arrest of individuals who have damaged school property or who have threatened damage to school property, such as bomb threats.

Student and/or their parents will be responsible for paying for damage to school buildings and other property owned by the school system when caused by the students.

Other board policies regarding the maintenance of facilities, safety and visitors to the school also are important to maintaining the security of the school environment. All professional employees and other employees with job duties related to the security of the facilities are responsible for being familiar with these policies and carrying out duties specified by board policies or the Superintendent or his or her designee.

Legal Reference: G.S. 115C-276(c), -288(f), -307(h), -523, -524