

<p>PRESTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION</p> <p>FILE: 11 - STUDENTS</p> <p>File: 11-31 Student Safety</p>	<p>Last Reviewed: 8-9-10</p> <p>Next Review: 7-1-12</p>
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The safety of students entrusted to its care has always been a priority for the Preston County Board of Education. The legislature’s passage of the 1995 Safe School Act served to heighten that concern and has caused the Board to renew its efforts to build a Safe and Productive School Environment. We, the Board, know that student safety requires the cooperation of all parties and it takes a multifaceted approach to assure our constituents that safety carries a high priority in all of our educational endeavors.

The principals, central office personnel, teachers and other supervisory personnel and service personnel must share a responsibility for regular, periodic inspections of school grounds, facilities, and equipment to assure the highest possible level of safety at each school site. Defective equipment shall be withdrawn from use immediately and school property or neighboring property having potentially hazardous conditions shall be declared “off limits” to students until the conditions have been corrected. Fire and other safety regulations shall be followed and the appropriate records and reports related to those regulations shall be maintained. Principals shall report maintenance and repair needs to the appropriate Central Office administrator in a timely fashion.

School rules shall conform to the Student Code of Conduct as a means of providing a teaching and learning environment that is free of harassment, bullying and violence.

The 21st century has brought a new awareness of the need to provide security for all school facilities and their occupants. Therefore, all principals are directed to carefully follow all regulations regarding the monitoring of visitors to the school, the security of entrances and exits, and to establish a procedure for responding to emergency situations that may arise at the school site.

R 11-31-1 Controlling Access to Schools

In order to effectively control access to buildings, Preston County Schools has implemented the following Access Control Procedures for the protection of students, staff and visitors to the schools.

- ❖ Access/egress to the school will be granted only through pre-assigned/designated door(s).
- ❖ All other exterior doors will be kept closed and locked to prevent access, but not egress.

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R 11-31-2 Loitering on School Property

No one shall be in the school buildings or on school premises after school hours unless s/he is on official school business, is participating in a supervised school activity, is authorized by the administration or is a spectator at an activity open to the public. Unauthorized person loitering upon school property may be treated as trespassers.

Any person who loiters (trespasses) on or about school grounds and buildings in violation of posted rules shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction for the first offense thereof, shall be fined not more than \$100 or imprisoned in the County jail not more than 30 days, or both such fine and

imprisonment. Upon a second offense or subsequent offense conviction, any such person shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned in the County jail not more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

(WVC §61-6-14a)

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R 11-31-3 Crowd Control at Extracurricular Activities

Persons who exhibit disruptive behavior at extracurricular activities may be subject to removal by the principal or his/her designee or law enforcement officers. Following an investigation of the incident, the principal may suspend the individual's privilege to attend extracurricular activities at the school for a period of 60 days. The affected individual shall be notified in writing and the Superintendent will also receive a written notification including justification for the action. Persons who are suspended have the right to appeal the suspension to the Board of Education, which has the authority to decrease or increase the length of the suspension.

(WVC §61-6-14 and §61-6-14a)

R 11-31-4 Protective Shields

Recognizing the importance of student safety the Board of Education has adopted the West Virginia State Board of Education Policy regarding utilization of eye, face or body shield safety devices.

Appropriate industrial quality eye, face, or body shield safety devices shall be provided by the County and worn at all times by students, teachers, or other persons upon entering a laboratory or shop for the purpose of participating or observing instructional activities that expose them to, but not limited to, the following:

- ❖ Hot molten metals or other molten materials;
- ❖ Powdered milling, sawing, turning, shaping, cutting, sanding, grinding, or stamping of any solid materials;
- ❖ Heat treatment, tempering or kiln firing of any metal or other materials;
- ❖ Gas or electric arc welding or other forms of welding processes and injurious radiations or other hazards not enumerated; and
- ❖ Caustic or explosive material, and hot liquids or solids.

All personal protective equipment and devices shall meet or exceed the minimum requirements under Section 6 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA) and specifically Subpart 1 of 29 CFR 1910 and the appropriate standards published by the American National Standards Institute and National Fire Prevention Association and incorporated by reference under Section 6 of the Act (OSHA) shall govern the selection, maintenance and use of this equipment.

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R 11-31-5 Limiting School Access to Contractors and Service Providers

Contractors, service providers and their employees cannot have unaccompanied contact with students or unaccompanied access to school grounds when students are present unless the Board verifies that the aforementioned persons have not previously been convicted of a sex offense as defined in WVC §15-12-2.

It shall be the policy of the Preston County Board of Education to require contractors and service providers to verify the criminal records of their employees before the Board grants unaccompanied contact or access.

Where prior written consent is obtained, the Board may obtain information from the Central Abuse Registry regarding contractors, service providers and their employees for the purposes of this policy. Where a contractor or service provider gives his or her prior written consent, the Board also may share information provided by the Central Abuse Registry with other county school boards.

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