

SUPPORT SERVICES

Policy 5110
(Regulation 5110)

Buildings and Grounds Management

Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection

The Board recognizes the tremendous investment in the District's facilities, buildings, grounds and equipment. It is acknowledged that normal deterioration from natural elements and ordinary use will occur. However, with proper care and attention the rate of deterioration can be reduced and repair and replacement costs held within reasonable limits. Therefore, the Board believes that a proper program of preventive maintenance is a requirement for efficient and economic building operation.

The District shall survey and assess the exposure of friable asbestos in all buildings. A written report shall be filed with appropriate state agencies, and will be available for public review in the Superintendent's office. The report shall be filed as required by law. The District shall take all steps necessary to comply with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, as described in regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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Building and Grounds Management

Maintenance of Facilities

A maintenance division, under the supervision of a custodial/maintenance manager, shall be provided to perform maintenance tasks. The primary function of the maintenance division shall be to safeguard the public's investments in school facilities, grounds, and equipment by ensuring their continued useful service to the instruction program and to the community.

Each school principal is charged with the direct supervision of the facility. Custodians are employed to do routine cleaning tasks under the direction of the principal and the Director of Buildings and Grounds.

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Policy 5130
(Regulation 5130)

Building and Grounds Management

Energy Conservation Measures

In the interest of sound control of District financial resources and in general ecological management, the Board of Education directs that the Administration develop procedures for utilities use that will best meet the need of conservative utilization of these resources.

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Policy 5140

Building and Grounds Management

Capital Outlay and Minor Improvements

Capital outlay work, including minor improvements to building and grounds, is the responsibility of the Maintenance Department. In-house maintenance crews should concentrate on the maintenance program rather than capital outlay work except in those instances where private contracts are not feasible.

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Policy 5210
(Regulation 5210)

Safety, Security and Communications

Hazardous Materials

The District will develop and implement written procedures for the purchase, use, storage and disposal of substances designated as hazardous by local, state and federal authorities.

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Policy 5211

Safety, Security and Communications

Eye Protection

All students, teachers and visitors are required to wear industrial quality eye protective devices when participating in or observing the following activities in any class

1. Exposure to molten materials.
2. Milling, sawing, turning, shaping, cutting, grinding or stamping of any solid materials.
3. Heat treatment, tempering or kiln firing of any materials.
4. Gas, electric arc or other forms of welding.
5. Repair or servicing of any vehicle.
6. Exposure to/or laboratory use of caustic or explosive materials, hot liquids or solids, injurious radiation, or other similar hazards.

Eye protective devices designed to provide protection for the hazards involved and to meet standards specified by state law will be provided by the School District. These devices may be issued to the students or provided at work stations for individual activities. If the devices are issued to the students, principals are authorized to charge students for loss, damage or failure to return any device issued.

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Policy 5220

Safety, Security and Communications

School Bus Safety

Safe transportation of students shall be the paramount obligation of the transportation staff. All procedures and rules developed by the administration shall be governed by this requirement. State and local laws pertaining to the operation of buses and vehicles used to transport students will be observed by drivers, students and staff.

The Administration will develop regulations for students to be included in Policy and Regulation 2610 – Behavioral Expectations. These rules and regulations will be published annually in student handbooks to be distributed to students and parents/guardians. Students will receive instruction for the safe loading, riding, unloading and emergency evacuation procedures.

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Safety, Security and Communications

Accident Reporting

Policy 5230
(Regulation 5230)
(Form 5230)

In order that proper measures may be taken to avoid recurrence of accidents, written reports will be prepared on all accidents occurring on school premises or at a school-sponsored activity.

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Policy 5240
(Regulation 5240)

Safety, Security and Communications

Weather, Earthquake and Fire Emergencies

At the direction of the Superintendent of Schools, the principal will determine areas in each building which are best suited for the protection of students during civil defense emergencies, including adverse weather conditions. School will not be dismissed in the case of a civil defense alert or tornado warning.

It shall also be the duty of the Superintendent of Schools to provide for fire inspections on an announced and unannounced basis in each building. The Superintendent is responsible for remedying unsafe conditions reported by local fire marshals acting in their official capacities.

The principal will assume responsibility for preparing a fire drill and emergency exit plan for each building. The plan will permit students to leave the building safely and quickly. Fire drills will be held the first full month of school and quarterly thereafter.

The District may adopt emergency plans for the use of the District's resources during natural disasters or other community emergencies. These resources may include food assistance through the use of federal commodity foods, and the use of school buildings and buses.

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Policy 5241

Safety, Security and Communications

Emergency School Closings

The Superintendent may order the delay of opening, early dismissal or the closing of schools due to inclement weather, hazardous road conditions or specific emergency situations which would make the operation of school impractical or hazardous to pupils. Notification of such actions will be given over local radio and television stations. Unless individually approved by the Superintendent, after school activities will be canceled on the day which school is closed or dismissed early due to weather or other emergency conditions.

Instructional time lost due to weather and other emergency conditions will be made up as required by the State and as approved by the Board of Education.

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Policy 5250

Safety, Security and Communications

Use of Tobacco Products

The Board of Education recognizes that the use of tobacco products represents a health and safety hazard. Similarly, the use of substances appearing to be tobacco products, including but not limited to e-cigarettes, creates an environment where tobacco products are endorsed. Therefore, the use of tobacco products and substances appearing to be tobacco products shall be prohibited in all District buildings, grounds, and vehicles. This policy applies to all employees, students, and patrons attending school-sponsored activities and meetings.

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Safety, Security and Communications**Safety and Standards**

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent to ensure that the administration and management of all District operations be in compliance with local laws and regulations pertaining to student and staff safety and state and federal laws and standards regarding Occupational Safety and Health. At various times District supervisors will issue specific safety standards and will provide ongoing directions, oral and written, to maximize employee and student safety. Failure to comply with such safety directives will be considered serious misconduct and will result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

Safety Requirements

In order to promote safety and to reduce the occurrence of injuries to the employee; to the employee's colleagues, students and visitors to our schools, the following requirements are mandated by the Board. These requirements are not intended to be exclusive, but to be illustrative for measures required to promote safety. Moreover, these requirements are in addition to all relevant requirements of federal and state law, as well as, Board policy. Employees will be required to review, sign and return this policy on an annual basis. These requirements are:

1. All accidents are to be reported, in writing, to your supervisor on the date they occur.
2. All unsafe conditions are to be reported to your supervisor immediately.
3. No running or horseplay is permitted.
4. The use of alcohol or non-prescribed drugs during work hours is strictly prohibited. The use of prescribed drugs is permitted subject to the limitations imposed by the prescribing physician.
5. Standing on chairs, desks, boxes, or any object other than a ladder or step stool is prohibited.
6. When using chemicals, all appropriate safety equipment must be used. If the appropriate safety equipment is not available, the absence of same should be reported to your supervisor immediately.
7. If your duties require you to drive, the use of a seatbelt is mandatory. The use of a cell phone for phone calls or texting is prohibited in a moving vehicle.
8. The use of employer provided safety devices is mandatory.

Safety, Security and Communications

Security of Buildings and Grounds

The administration will develop procedures to ensure that school facilities are safeguarded against criminal acts and negligent use. All District employees are responsible for the care and proper use of School District property. Maintenance personnel are responsible for the care, repair and annual maintenance of District equipment and facilities. After school access to District facilities is limited to authorized individuals and groups.

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Policy 5280

Safety, Security and Communications

Vandalism and Theft

The administration will take appropriate actions to punish individuals determined to have vandalized District property. Such actions include, but are not limited to school disciplinary action, restitution and criminal and civil charges.

Incident reports are to be sent to the Superintendent/designee and the Director of Building and Grounds by the building administrator no later than the day following an incident. A telephone call to the Superintendent is to be made on the day of discovery as soon as practical.

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Policy 5310

Purchasing and Supply Management

Purchasing Furniture and Equipment

The Superintendent/designee shall develop a standardized furniture and equipment list for each type of facility in the School District. Furniture or equipment needed in addition to the standardized list requires specific approval of the Superintendent/designee prior to bidding or purchase.

Furniture and equipment shall be purchased in accordance with the policies governing bidding requirements and purchasing procedures of the Board of Education.

The Board may purchase apparatus, equipment and furnishings for its schools and operations by entering into lease/purchase agreements with vendors. Any agreement which may result in District ownership of the leased object must contain a provision which allows the District an option to terminate the agreement on at least an annual basis without penalty. All expenditures related to lease/purchase agreements shall be considered expenditures for capital outlay and shall be paid pursuant to the provisions of section 165.011, RSMo., Budget and Current Financing.

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Policy 5320

Purchasing and Supply Management

Preference for Missouri Products

Preference will be given to making District purchases to all commodities manufactured, mined, produced, or grown within the state and to all firms, corporations, or individuals doing business as Missouri firms, corporations, or individuals when quality and price are approximately the same.

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Policy 5410 **Regulation 5410**

Inventory Management

Inventory Requirements

Annual Inventory

The Board shall require a physical count of all stock supply and equipment items at least once each year. This inventory total shall be recorded on the District's accounts.

This is done to provide:

1. Complete local property information for ready reference.
2. Information for insurance purposes.
3. Audit needs to determine capital worth.
4. Accountability of the physical property of the District.

The building principal is responsible for the inventory. The person responsible for the room and its contents should take the inventory.

"Physical Property" for inventory purposes is defined as that property other than the building and built-in facilities such as bookcases, wall lockers and toilets. "Physical Property" includes such items as desks, chairs, typewriters, computers, audio-visual equipment, industrial technology equipment, family and consumer science equipment and physical education equipment even though attached to the building (i.e., stage curtains, auditorium seating, clocks and public address systems). "Physical Property" meets all the following criteria:

1. Retains its original shape and appearance with use.
2. Is nonexpendable (more feasible to repair than replace).
3. Represents an investment of money which makes it advisable to capitalize the item.
4. Does not lose its identity through incorporation into a different or more complex unit.

"Physical Property" does not include supplies, textbooks, reference books, material, chalk and erasers, picture frames, cutlery, glassware, etc. Supply items which are not included are those which meet one or more of the following conditions:

1. Consumable
2. Loses its original shape or appearance
3. Expendable (more feasible to replace than repair)
4. Inexpensive item with value less than \$250.00.

Equipment Inventory

Inventory documentation includes:

1. Description
2. Serial/ID number
3. Finding source
4. Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN) where applicable
5. Title holder, if applicable
6. Acquisition date
7. Cost
8. Percentage of Federal participation, if any
9. Location
10. Use and Condition
11. Disposition, if applicable

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Inventory Management

Maintenance and Control of Instructional Materials

All School District instructional materials and equipment, including media materials and equipment, will be classified and catalogued. All textbooks purchased by the District are school property and will bear identification of School District ownership. Obsolete materials and worn out equipment will be replaced on a regular basis.

Textbooks will be made available to all students in sufficient quantity and at appropriate levels, enabling teachers to meet both the planned curriculum sequence and the special instructional needs of the students.

Principals are responsible for textbooks assigned to teachers, and for instituting an inventory of all books at the end of the school year. Each teacher shall keep an accurate record of books issued to students. Students will be held responsible for the proper care of all schoolbooks, supplies, apparatus and furniture supplied to them by the Board of Education. Any student who defaces or damages school property shall be required to pay for all damages. Any student who loses school property shall be required to pay for its replacement.

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Policy 5430

Inventory Management

Insurance

The Board of Education shall maintain adequate insurance programs to cover property, liability and personnel, within the requirements of good risk management and state law. The administration will recommend to the Board the kind and amount of property, casualty and/or liability insurance needed for the protection of the District property, employees, and Board of Education, and will administer insurance authorized by the Board, unless otherwise directed.

Every effort shall be made to obtain insurance at the most economical cost consistent with required service, by obtaining quotations or by negotiations, whichever method is advantageous to the District.

The District will maintain coverage on all buildings and capital outlay contents. The liability coverage should include: comprehensive general liability, employee benefits liability, vehicular liability and school board legal liability.

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Policy 5440

Inventory Management

Equipment on Loan

School District equipment is not to be lent to individuals or groups outside the schools. Deviation from this policy requires permission from the Superintendent / Designee.

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Policy 5510

Food Service Program

Food Service Management

The Superintendent / Designee will develop and implement procedures for operating a food services program. In addition, the Superintendent / Designee will monitor the quality and efficiency of the District's food service program.

The District's food service program will comply with all state and federal regulations for food quality and financial reimbursement.

The Board may elect to contract with a food service management company to manage the District's food service program.

The duration of contracts with food service management companies will be limited to one (1) year with no more than four (4) annual renewals.

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Policy 5520
(Forms 5520)

Food Service Program

Uniform Policy for Free and Reduced-Price Meals

The District will participate in the national school lunch program. Eligible students will be identified for participation in the free and reduced-price lunch program based upon federal and state guidelines.

Information concerning the eligibility standards will be distributed annually within the District. The identification of student participants in the program will be confidential with such information disclosed to staff members on a strict need-to-know basis.

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Policy 5530

Food Service Program

Competitive Food Sales

In order to comply with requirements of Part 210, National School Lunch Program, and Part 220, School Breakfast Program as amended, respecting the sale of food in competition with meals served under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program, the sale of categories of foods of minimal nutritional value during the meal periods in the cafeteria is prohibited. The restricted categories of foods are identified as soda water (carbonated beverages), water ices, chewing gum and certain candies (hard candies, jellies and gums, marshmallow candies, fondants, licorice, spun candies and candy-coated popcorn).

Transportation

School Bus Drivers

The safety and welfare of District students is of paramount importance to the Board of Education. Accordingly, no person will operate any school bus owned by or under contract with the District unless the driver has qualified for a school bus endorsement and has complied with the relevant rules and regulations of the Department of Revenue and all final rules issued by the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation. A driver may also qualify if they possess a valid school bus endorsement on a valid commercial driver's license.

School bus endorsements are issued to applicants who meet the following qualifications:

- Has a valid state license;
- Is at least 21 years of age;
- Has passed an operator's examination prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Such Examination to include the commercial driver's license skills test (CDL); and
- Has obtained a satisfactory health certificate which will be valid for two (2) school years.

As deemed necessary by the District, individual drivers may be required to provide evidence of continued good health.

Operators who are 70 years of age or older will be required to annually pass the commercial driver's license skills test. Such annual examination does not include the pre-trip inspection portion of the CDL.

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Policy 5620 **(Regulation 5620)**

Transportation

Student Transportation Services

The Board of Education, in accordance with state law, shall provide free transportation for eligible students attending the District schools. The Superintendent shall ensure that the transportation services of the District meet all of the guidelines established by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (i.e., Missouri Pupil Transportation Administrative Handbook, Missouri Minimum Standards for School Buses, Missouri Certified Bus Driver Instructor's Manual, and Missouri School Bus Driver Manual) as well as the policies that pertain directly to the qualifications of bus operators and operational procedures adopted by the Board of Education.

According to regulations of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, bus transportation will be provided to and from District schools for all students who reside three and one-half (3.5) miles or more from the school located in their attendance areas. State regulations provide for reimbursement to districts providing transportation for those students living more than one (1.0) mile from their attendance area school. The District may transport students who reside less than one (1.0) mile from school when students are required to cross a state highway or county arterial without access to sidewalks, traffic signals, or a crossing guard and no existing bus stop is changed to avoid administrative penalty. In such instance, the District will request a waiver of the administrative penalty. The Superintendent is directed to prepare annually a plan for student transportation services for the upcoming school year which addresses student transportation needs within the limitations of District finances, including state aid for transportation services. The plan will address mileage distance from school and grade level requirements for receiving transportation to be provided by the District. This plan shall be presented for School Board approval no later than the regular September Board meeting of each school year. In cases when the transportation plan remains the same as the prior school year, the plan may be submitted to the School Board as an information rather than an action item.

All eligible students with disabilities will be provided bus transportation by the District between home and the special education program. Transportation for a student with disabilities will be provided between schools if the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) team determines that such transportation is necessary as a related service due to the student's disability. Eligibility must be stated in the student's IEP.

Students are expected to comply with behavioral expectations as stated in Policy 2652 "Student Conduct on Buses" while they are passengers in District vehicles.

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Policy 5630

Transportation

Bus Routes and Schedules

The administration will prepare and monitor District bus routes and schedules. The Board will initially approve all bus routes no later than October 31 of each school year; the final bus routes must be approved by June 30 of each school year. Buses will be routed with student safety, efficiency and economy as the controlling factors.

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Policy 5640

Transportation

Bus Inspections

All District vehicles which are used to transport students will be inspected annually by the Missouri State Highway Patrol after February 1 of each year.

State bus inspections conducted by District employees shall not be made more than sixty (60) days prior to operating the vehicles during the school year. Bus drivers and bus maintenance employees have the responsibility to inspect, report and remedy any condition of District buses which poses an unreasonable risk of harm to students and staff.

Newly purchased, newly leased, newly placed into service, newly contracted vehicles or vehicles replaced under contracted services with a rated capacity to carry more than ten (10) passengers including the driver, and used to transport students, shall meet state and federal specification and safety standards applicable to school buses.

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Policy 5650
(Forms 5650)

Transportation

Transportation Records and Reports

The Superintendent will develop and maintain procedures for monitoring and reporting student transportation infractions.

Records of student ridership will be taken and reported for each route on the second Wednesday of October and February, as per Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) regulations.

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Policy 5660
(Regulation 5660)
(Forms 5660)

Transportation

Field Trips

The use of bus transportation services for field trips may be authorized from Board of Education appropriated funds budgeted for field trips if approved by the Superintendent/designee.

Transportation services may be provided for school-related activities provided the sponsoring organization pays the cost. The Superintendent/designee will approve such requests based upon the availability of buses and drivers.

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Policy 5661
(Regulation 5661)

Transportation

Field Trip Transportation in Private Vehicles/Common Carriers

Authorized vehicles other than approved school buses may be used for transportation of students. The number of students transported shall be limited to the number of seat belts available in the authorized vehicle. The School Board shall adopt regulations for transportation in other than approved school buses and standards for use of authorized common carriers.

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Policy 5670

Transportation

Use of School Buses

School buses will be used only for the transportation of students to and from school or for District educational purposes.

District buses used to transport children solely for Head Start programs will display signs indicating that the bus is a Head Start bus.