

OPERATIONAL SERVICES

School Safety

Helena School District No. 1 shall take reasonable precaution for the safety of the students, employees, visitors and all others having business with the District. To ensure this, safety and security procedures are to be implemented by the Superintendent for each District facility.

The Board of Trustees believes that safety education and accident prevention are important to everyone concerned with schools, not only as a protective measure during school hours, but also as an instructional means of developing an appropriate mode of behavior to reduce or eliminate accidents.

Rules for safety and prevention of accidents will be posted in compliance with Montana Safety Culture Act.

The building principal in partnership with the District Safety and Security Manager will develop an emergency preparedness plan that includes but is not limited to, safety in-service training for both staff and students , development of accident prevention procedures, accident record keeping, facility review, vehicle safety programs, fire prevention, security, occupational health, environmental concerns, emergency procedures, and traffic safety problems related to employees, students and the community. Each school will perform at least eight (8) disaster drills a year, four (4) of which will be fire drills. The drills will be held at different hours of the day or evening to avoid distinction between drills and actual disasters.

*Cancellation of School &/or Limiting the School Day*

The Superintendent is authorized to cancel or otherwise limit the school day in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies that threaten the safety of students, staff members, or school property. Specific procedures for school cancellations or otherwise limiting the school day are found in the Student / Parent Handbooks.

Legal References:	§ 20-1-401, MCA	Disaster drills
	§ 20-1-402, MCA	Number of disaster drills required – time of drills to vary
	§ 20-1-801, et al., MCA	Emergency School Closure
	§§ 39-71-1501, MCA	Montana Safety Culture Act

Cross References:

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