

## **STUDENT SUPERVISION**

### **Background**

The District recognizes that it has the responsibility to ensure the safety of its students. Every reasonable effort will be made to provide students with a safe learning environment.

The District acknowledges that it may be necessary, on occasion, in the event of unforeseen life-threatening emergencies covered by the Alberta Emergency Medical Aid Act, for employees to administer first aid and/or cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to students.

The Principal and staff stand in loco parentis when students are in their charge and the Principal and staff are to exercise such supervision over the students as may be necessary to ensure the safety of the students and a satisfactory climate for learning. The Principal and staff are empowered to establish reasonable rules to protect and to control the students of the school.

It shall be the duty of the Principal and staff to provide supervision of students from the time when classes begin to assemble until the time when the students are dismissed from the school, including morning and afternoon breaks and recesses, and for extra-curricular activities that are on the school grounds, in school buildings, or away from the school, but under school sponsorship.

### **Procedures**

1. Principals shall ensure that school staff members are aware of the common-law doctrine of in loco parentis which requires that employees act as a reasonable and prudent parent would in the same circumstances.
2. The Principal shall ensure that the following safety procedures are followed:
  - 2.1 Appropriate supervision is provided at all school and school-sponsored activities.
  - 2.2 The application of trained first aid and/or cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is available to students, to the extent possible. Accordingly, training in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall be made available to designated school staff members.
  - 2.3 All physical activity facilities, including playing surfaces, playgrounds, and major equipment, are regularly inspected.
3. School personnel are responsible to ensure that safety practices identified in the various Programs of Study, as prescribed by Alberta Education, are followed as recommended.

4. The publications, *Safety Guidelines for Physical Activity in Alberta Schools* and *Safety Guidelines for Interschool Athletics in Alberta*, shall provide guidance to school personnel. Each Principal shall ensure that these documents are readily available in his or her respective school and that school personnel are made aware of recommended practices.

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Reference: Section 8, 12, 16.2, 18, 20, 22, 24, 25, 27, 45, 45.1, 60, 61, 113 School Act  
Supporting Safe, Secure and Caring Schools in Alberta (1999)  
*Safety Guidelines for Physical Activity in Alberta Schools* (1999)  
*A Safe Place: Creating Peaceful Schools* (1994)  
*Safety Guidelines for Interschool Athletes in Alberta*