

SCOTLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Policy

INSTRUCTION**Safe Schools**

The Scotland Board of education is committed to the prevention of violence against people or property in the schools or at school activities, whether by students, staff or others. While committed to the protection of each person's constitutional rights, the Board does not condone violence or the breaking of law. Any individual committing violent acts in or on school property will be disciplined according to applicable Board policies and regulations.

Staff members who appropriately implement this or any other related Board policy will receive the support of the Board and the administration.

The Board shall conduct a security and vulnerability assessment of the Scotland Elementary School every two (2) years and develop a school security and safety plan for the school based upon assessment results.

The Board shall establish an advisory committee to review specific policies, regulations, plans and procedures in order to ensure a comprehensive and effective program to prevent and punish vandalism and violence occurring in the schools and on district property. Simultaneously with the work of the committee, the Superintendent of Schools and appropriate school administrators shall review the practices at the school and shall submit a separate report to the Board including any findings and recommendations on the implementation of committee suggestions on these and other policies, regulations, plans, and procedures concerning safety. Members of the advisory committee shall include a Board member, the Superintendent of Schools, appropriate school personnel, parents and other community representatives. All members shall be appointed by the Board.

The school will be compliant with the standards for such plans issued by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP). The Board will annually develop and implement a school security and safety plan for the school and review, update and submit plans to DESPP. The school shall also establish a school's security and safety committee to assist in developing and administering the school's safety and security plan.

The advisory committee shall examine the policies, regulations, plans and procedures concerning:

1. Student conduct and discipline
2. The maintenance of public order on school property
3. The banning of weapons on school property
4. Drug and alcohol abuse
5. School emergency management
6. Coordination efforts with law enforcement agencies

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7. Searches and seizures by school officials
8. Training for staff and students in conflict resolution and violence prevention, and
9. Building security measures including procedures governing visitors to the schools and access to school buildings.

The advisory committee shall review these and other policies, regulations, plans and procedures as directed to ensure that they are:

1. Consistent with law and regulation
2. Clear, complete and enforceable, and
3. Appropriately disseminated to students, staff, parents, and are available to the general public.

The advisory committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Board prior to public release. Any official policy level action is the sole discretion of the Board. The Board is in no way obligated to follow committee recommendations. The Board has the right to accept, reject or modify all or any part of a committee recommendation.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 4-176e through 4-185 Uniform Administrative Procedure Act
 10-19 teaching about alcohol, nicotine or tobacco, drugs and Acquired
 Immune Deficiency Syndrome. Training of personnel
 10-221 Boards of Education to prescribe rules
 10-233a through 10-233f re in-school suspension, suspension, expulsion
 (As amended by PA 95-304, An Act Concerning School Safety)
 52-572 Parental liability for torts of minors
 53a-3 Firearms and deadly weapons 53-206 Carrying and sale of
 Dangerous weapons
 53a-217b Possession of firearms and deadly weapons on school grounds
 PA 94-221 An Act Concerning School Safety
 PA 97-290 An Act Enhancing Choices and Opportunities
 PA 13-3 An Act Concerning Gun Violence Prevention and Children's
 Safety (Sections 86, 87, 88)
 GOALS 2000: Education America Act
 18 U.S.C. 21 Definitions
 Title III – Amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
 Sec. 314 (Local Control Over Violence)