

Fall River Joint Unified School District

Policy 3515

BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

School Safety and Security

The Governing Board is fully committed to preventing violence and crime on school grounds. The Superintendent and staff shall strictly enforce all Board policies related to crime, campus disturbances, campus intruders, student safety, student conduct and student discipline.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for securing records and funds for protecting buildings against vandalism and burglary during non-business hours. The Superintendent or designee also shall investigate ways that school grounds can be made more secure.

The principal of each school shall ensure that his/her school has a comprehensive school safety plan, which includes strategies for preventing crime and violence on school premises. The Board encourages principals to solicit the participation of local law enforcement agencies, staff, parents/guardians and students in the development of these plans.

Legal Reference:

Education Code

- 32020 Access gates
- 32211 Threaten disruption or interference with classes
- 35294-35294.5 School Safety Plans
- 39670-39675 Security patrols

Penal Code

- 469 Unauthorized making, duplicating or possession
key to public building
- 626-626.10 Crimes on school grounds

Management Resources

CDE Program Advisories

- 316.89 Contingency Plan for School Campus Emergencies

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- Policy revised: 6/2/93
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Campus Security

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that campus security procedures are developed which are consistent with the goals and objectives of the district's comprehensive safety plan and site-level safety plans.

These procedures shall include strategies and methods to:

1. Secure the campus perimeter and school facilities in order to prevent criminal activity. These strategies shall include an analysis of the building security system, lighting system, and campus fencing. Procedures to ensure unobstructed views and eliminate blind spots caused by doorways and landscaping shall also be considered. In addition, parking lot design may be studied, including methods to discourage through traffic.
2. Secure buildings from outsiders and discourage trespassing. These procedures may include requiring visitor registration, requiring staff and student identification tags, and patrolling places used for congregating and loitering.
3. Discourage vandalism and graffiti. These methods may include plans to immediately cover graffiti as well as campus beautification projects and shall also include students and the community in these projects.
4. Control access to keys and other school inventory.
5. Detect and intervene with school crime. These procedures may include the creation of a school watch program, an anonymous crime reporting system, analysis of school crime incidents, and collaboration and communication with local law enforcement agencies.

All staff shall receive training in building and grounds security procedures.

These procedures shall be regularly reviewed and updated in order to reflect changed circumstances and to assess progress in achieving safe school objectives.

Keys

All keys used in a school shall be the responsibility of the principal or designee. Keys shall be issued only to those employees who regularly need a key in order to carry out normal activities of their position.

The person issued a key shall be responsible for its safekeeping. If a key is lost, the person responsible shall report the loss to the principal or designee immediately and shall pay for a replacement key.

Keys shall be used only by authorized employees and shall never be loaned to students.

The master key shall not be loaned and the duplication of school keys is prohibited.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32020	Access gates
32211	Threatened disruption or interference with classes
35294-35294.9	School safety plans
39670-39675	Security patrols

PENAL CODE

469	Disruption of schools
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