

Board Policy EBB: Safety

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The Board of Public Education for Bibb County ("Board") believes that providing a safe working and learning environment is important. The Superintendent or designee will establish appropriate procedures to provide for the safety and security of students, employees, and Bibb County School District (District) Property during regular school operations, school events and activities, and emergency conditions. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1185, the Superintendent or designee will develop and periodically review and update safety and emergency preparedness and response plans for each school with input from students, parents or legal guardians of such students, teachers, other school employees, local law enforcement, fire service, public safety, emergency management agencies, county health department and any other entity or individual appointed by the Superintendent.

School safety plans shall include, at a minimum, the following as required by O.C.G.A. 20-2-1185: ~~strategic areas:~~

- (1) Training school administrators, teachers, and support staff, including, but not limited to, school resources officers, security officers, secretaries, custodians, and bus drivers, on school violence prevention, school security, school threat assessment, mental health awareness, and school emergency planning best practices;
- (2) Evaluating and refining school security measures;
- (3) Updating and exercising school emergency preparedness plans;
- (4) Strengthening partnerships with public safety officials; and
- (5) Creating enhanced crisis communications plans and social media strategies;
- (6) - Addressing behavioral health needs of students and staff utilizing guidance from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities;
- (7) Developing a behavioral threat assessment and management process and plan utilizing guidance from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency
- (8) Security issues in school safety zones as defined in O.C.G.A. § 16-11-127.1.
- (9) Security issues involving the transportation of students to and from school and school functions when such transportation is furnished by the school or school system and school functions held during noninstructional hours;
- (10) Specific plans to restrict ingress to or egress from all buildings and other facilities located on the school property; and
- (11) Specific plans for whether and when each of the following will be locked or actively supervised by school personnel, or both:
 - a. Exterior doors and other access points of all buildings and other facilities located on the school property; and
 - b. Doors to all classrooms and other instructional spaces on the school property.

The District will maintain its facilities as required by federal and state laws, codes and ordinances. The Superintendent or designee shall make arrangements necessary for the protection, security, and safekeeping of all District facilities and properties. This will mean routine maintenance of facilities to provide for the safety of all persons as well as adequate provisions for normal and emergency entrance and exit. The Superintendent or designee will provide procedures for the annual evaluation of all District facilities in accordance with federal and state laws, codes and ordinances.

All visitors to a school facility must comply with the procedures established in Policy KM, Visitors to School and Regulation KM-R(1). The Superintendent or designee is authorized to develop regulations or procedures in compliance with this policy.
