

SCHOOL SECURITY AND SAFETY

Hadley Public School employees are expected to keep all school facilities and programs secure from unlawful and disruptive behavior.

To further the purpose of this policy, the principal and school council will develop rules and procedures for their school consistent with the requirements of M.G.L. c. 71 § 37H. Specifically, each school's procedures pertaining to the conduct of students shall include the following:

- disciplinary proceedings including procedures assuring due process.
- standards and procedures for suspension and expulsion of students.
- procedures pertaining to discipline of students with special needs.
- standards and procedures to assure school building security and safety of students and school personnel.
- disciplinary measures to be taken in cases involving the possession or use of illegal substances or weapons, the use of force, vandalism, or violation of students' civil rights.
- codes of discipline, as well as procedures used to develop such codes which shall be filed with the Department of Education for informational purposes only.

In each school the principal, in consultation with the school council, shall prepare and distribute to each student a student handbook setting forth the rules pertaining to the conduct of students. The student handbook will be presented annually to the School Committee for approval.

Building principals will meet all requirements for conducting fire and emergency drills to give (1) students practice in moving with orderly dispatch to designated areas under emergency conditions, and (2) staff practice in carrying out their assigned responsibilities for building evacuation.

The practice of safety will also be considered a facet of the instructional program of the schools. Instruction in accident prevention as well as fire prevention, bus evacuation, and emergency procedures will be conducted.

Students shall be taught safe practices in such subject areas as physical education, health, and laboratory courses in science/computer, as well as extra curricular and athletic activities.

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