

## **Management Support**

### **Safety, Operations and Maintenance of School Property**

#### **A. Facilities Maintenance**

The Superintendent or designee will provide for a program to maintain the district physical facilities and grounds by a way of a continuous program of repair, maintenance, and reconditioning. Budget recommendations will be made each year to meet these needs and any such needs arising from an emergency.

#### **B. Infrastructure Management**

The Snohomish School Board of Directors also desires to maintain the infrastructure of district facilities.

In order to assure state funding, for facilities constructed new or new in lieu after 1994, the Board will adopt an asset preservation program (APP). The APP will preserve the district facilities by employing a system of predictive, preventative, and proactive processes. Annually, the Superintendent or designee will report to the Board on the condition of the facilities required as a part of the APP. Every sixth year an independent assessment will be conducted and reported to the Board and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

#### **C. Playground Equipment**

The Board recognizes that playground equipment is an essential part of a complete school facility. All playground equipment, whether purchased by the district or donated by a community or school related group, should be assessed in terms of suitability and durability and for possible health or safety hazards. Considerations will also be given to potential hazards when the playground is unsupervised during non-school hours.

The Superintendent or designee will develop specifications for playground equipment and related play surfaces. These specifications will serve as criteria for the selection of playground equipment. Selection and installation of playground equipment will be based upon safety and contribution to child development.

#### **D. Chemical and Laboratory Safety**

The Board recognizes the potential health and safety hazards that exist as a result of chemical storage and handling. Instruction will be emphasized in the safe and proper use of chemicals and substances and proper laboratory techniques. All students and staff are to wear safety glasses or goggles whenever they are working under potentially hazardous

conditions. Laboratories should be ventilated sufficiently enough to provide a healthful, nonhazardous environment.

The Superintendent or designee is directed to establish safety procedures that will minimize the hazards inherent in science classes and laboratories in the schools.

#### **E. Destruction of School Property**

Staff will ensure that buildings, grounds, equipment and furniture are not abused. Students or non-students who abuse school property may be disciplined and required to pay for the damage incurred. (Please see policy and procedures 3520)

Cross References:     Policy 6605 - Student Safety Walking, Biking and Riding Buses  
                             Policy 6511- Staff Safety  
                             Policy 3520 - Student Fees, Fines, or Charges  
                             Policy 2151 - Interscholastic Activities

Legal Reference:

RCW 28A.335.300	Playground matting
RCW 28A.635.06	Defacing or injuring school property – Liability of pupil, parent, or guardian – Withholding grades, diploma, or transcripts – Suspension and restitution – Voluntary work program as alternatives – Rights protected
WAC 392-347-023	State assistance in post 1993 facilities

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