## **Safety and Security Best Practices**

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- Introduction. Florida Statute 1006.07(6) requires the School Board to establish policies and procedures for the prevention of violence on school grounds, including the assessment and intervention with students and other individuals whose behavior poses a threat to the safety of the school community.
- 2. <u>Preventive Measures</u>. The policy and procedures adopted by the School Board for the prevention of violence on school grounds include:
  - a. The Student Code of Conduct annually adopted by the School Board, which establishes standards of acceptable student conduct, enumerates disciplinary consequences for acts of violence and other misconduct, and provides the process due students who are charged with acts of misconduct. At the beginning of the school year, the Code of Conduct is distributed electronically or by hand to all District students and parents.
  - b. The School Board's Zero Tolerance for Crimes and Victimization policy and procedures are codified in Rule 5.13. The rule requires that acts that pose a threat to student or school safety shall be reported to the principal and law enforcement agencies, provides for protection of students who have been victims of violent crime, lists violent offenses for which expulsion is mandatory, and lists alternative responses to acts that threaten school safety.
  - c. Rule 3.06, prohibiting campus disorders and trespassing.
  - d. Rule 3.15, prohibiting the possession, use or distribution of alcohol or drugs on school property or at school functions.
  - e. Rule 3.21, prohibiting bullying and harassment and providing procedures for the investigation and disposition of complaints of bullying and harassment.
  - f. Rule 5.11, establishing procedures for student detention, search and seizure.
  - g. Rule 5.12, authorizing the expulsion of students for acts of violence and other serious acts of misconduct.
  - h. The assignment of a school safety officer to each District school.
  - i. Rule 5.26, prohibiting dating violence.

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j. Rule 5.27, prohibiting hazing.

**HISTORY:** 

- k. Rules 6.104 and 7.142, providing for background screening of District employees and contractors.
- I. Rule 6.40, prohibiting District employees from violating the law and providing for the processing and disposition of any such violation of law.
- m. Rule 8.01, prohibiting possession of firearms on school property except when required by employment duties.
- n. Rule 8.03, requiring District to conduct annual security risk assessments at each District school.
- o. Rule 8.07, requiring the adoption of an active assailant response plan.
- p. Rule 8.08, providing for school-based threat assessment teams.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 1001.41; 1001.48, F.S.

LAWS IMPLEMENTED: 1006.07(6)(c), F.S.

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