

POLICY TITLE: Building Safety

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It is the policy of the board of trustees to assure the safety of students, staff, and visitors who use the school buildings of this district, and to provide a safe environment conducive to learning. The board will ensure compliance with the provisions of the Idaho Uniform School Building Safety Act, which applies to all existing district public school facilities, or those constructed in the future and which are owned, leased, or used for the district's educational purposes.

Personnel, students, and visitors who believe that a building, facility, or grounds, or use thereof, is unsafe are encouraged to report such concerns to the building principal's office. Such reports will be investigated within a reasonable time and corrected as determined to be necessary to protect students, personnel, and visitors from unsafe conditions.

DEFINITIONS

“Administrator” means the administrator of the State of Idaho Division of Building Safety.

“Imminent safety hazard” means a condition that presents an unreasonable risk of death or serious bodily injury to occupants of a building.

“School facilities” include school buildings, administration buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields and improved or unimproved real property, owned or operated by the district, which are used by students or personnel in the normal course of providing an educational program. School facilities do not include those areas, buildings, or parts of buildings closed from or not used in the normal course of the educational program.

“Serious safety hazard” means a condition that presents an unreasonable health risk or risk of injury to occupants of a building.

INSPECTION

The board will require an annual inspection of the district's school facilities, conducted by an independent inspector professionally qualified to conduct inspections under the applicable codes, or pursuant to the Idaho Uniform Public School Building Safety Act, Idaho Code 30-8001 *et seq.* Such inspection will address whether the school facilities comply with safety and health standards, including applicable electrical, plumbing, mechanical, elevator fire safety, boiler safety, life safety, structural, snow loading, and sanitary codes, as adopted by or pursuant to the Idaho Building Code Act, local ordinances or rule of the Idaho State Board of Education and applicable to school facilities.

Additionally, the board will cooperate with Idaho State Board of Education staff, including the executive director and school safety and security program staff to allow entry to the school

facilities at reasonable times, for the inspection of such facilities for consistency with the school safety and security guidelines developed by the Idaho School Safety and Security Advisory Board.

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LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Section 33-1612

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