

Descriptor Term:  
SECURITY OF FACILITIES

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9.2200

Legal References: G.S. 115C-276(c), -288(f), -307(h), -523, -524G.S.

Cross References: 1.5100/4.3000/7.2700 School Student Safety; 6.5200 Use of Equipment, Materials and Supplies; 6.5210 Personal Use of Equipment, Material and Supplies; 6.5220 Use of Equipment, Materials and Supplies by Non-School Groups; 6.5500 Vandalism; 9.2000 Care and Maintenance of Facilities, Grounds and Outdoor Equipment

Security of school system facilities is an important part of maintaining a safe learning environment for students and staff and for protecting the investments of the school district. The superintendent or his/her designee shall develop and implement programs or procedures as necessary to meet, at a minimum, the following board requirements for security of facilities.

- The superintendent is directed to ensure that all school system buildings use a security control system that limits access to keys or other building entry devices to authorized personnel and safeguards against unauthorized individuals gaining entry to buildings.
- The superintendent is responsible for determining the need for and responsibilities of security personnel and shall make recommendations as appropriate to the board for funding security personnel positions or contracts.
- The superintendent shall ensure that local law enforcement and emergency management agencies have copies of floor plans of all school buildings and site plans showing campus boundaries and access points.
- Principals shall make reasonable efforts to secure buildings and other valuable property on school grounds when the school is closed or vacated.
- Teachers shall make reasonable efforts to secure their assigned classrooms or other designated space when the school is closed or vacated or when the classroom or other designated space is not in use.
- Principals are encouraged to involve teachers, other school staff, parents, students and law enforcement in identifying the security needs of the school.
- Principals shall implement programs or make recommendations to the superintendent and board as appropriate to address the security needs of the school.

Other board policies regarding the maintenance of facilities, safety and visitors to the school also are important to maintaining the security of the school environment. All professional employees and other employees with job duties related to the security of the facilities are responsible for being familiar with these policies and carrying out duties specified by board policies or the superintendent or his/her designee.