

SAFETY PROGRAM

Accidents are undesirable, unplanned occurrences that can result in tragic consequences--bodily harm, loss of school time, property damage, legal action, and even fatality. The School Committee will guard against such occurrences by taking every possible precaution to protect the safety of all students, employees, visitors and others present on school property or at school-sponsored events.

The Committee will comply with safety requirements established by governmental authorities and will insist that its staff adhere to recommended safety practices as these pertain, for example, to the school plant, special areas of instruction, student transportation, school sports and occupational safety.

The practice of safety will also be considered a facet of the instructional program of the schools. Instruction will include accident prevention as well as fire prevention; emergency procedures; traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian safety.

The Superintendent will have overall responsibility for the safety program of the school system. It will be the responsibility of the Superintendent to see that appropriate staff members are kept informed of current state and local requirements relating to fire prevention, civil defense, sanitation, public health, and occupational safety.

Efforts directed toward the prevention of accidents will succeed only to the degree that all staff members recognize that preventing accidents is a daily operational responsibility.

The management team of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District is committed to providing students, staff, and the general public with safe and sanitary educational facilities. It is the policy of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District that students, staff and the general public report unsafe conditions immediately and do not perform any tasks that might be considered unsafe. All accidents, injuries, and unsafe conditions must be reported immediately to a school administrator or supervisor. No such report will result in retaliation, penalty, or other disincentive.

Recommendations made by students, staff, and the general public to improve safety and health conditions within our facilities will be given thorough consideration by our management team. This team will give top priority to requesting the resources for the correction of unsafe conditions. Similarly, the management team will take disciplinary action against any student or staff member who willfully or repeatedly violates safety rules. Consequences for such violations will be in keeping with existing employment contracts as well as student and staff handbooks

Anyone with questions or concerns regarding safety issues should report them to the staff member designated yearly by the Superintendent of Schools.

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. 71:55C and Acts of 1985c 614 Sec 1
Board of Education 603 CMR 36:00

CROSS REFS.: EEAE, School Bus Safety Program
GBGB, Staff Personal Security and Safety
IHAM, Health Education
JLI, Student Safety

PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY

The Southern Berkshire Regional School District is committed to providing a safe and properly maintained environment for all staff, students and visitors. To achieve this end, the School District will implement integrated pest management procedures for its buildings and grounds.

The integrated pest management procedures shall include implementation of appropriate prevention and control strategies, notification of certain pesticide and herbicide uses, record keeping, education and evaluation.

Integrated pest management procedures will determine when to control pests and what method of control to choose. Strategies for managing pest populations will be influenced by the pest species, location and whether and at what population level its presence poses a threat to people, property or the environment. The full range of action alternatives, including no action, will always be considered.

I. OVERVIEW AND GOALS

- A. The Southern Berkshire Regional School District shall develop and implement an integrated pest management program.
- B. An integrated pest management program is a pest control approach that emphasizes using a balanced combination of tactics (cultural, mechanical, biological, chemical) to reduce pests to a tolerable level while using pesticides and herbicides as a last resort to minimize health, environmental and economic risks.
- C. Pesticides and herbicides will be used only as a last resort, based on a review of all other available options.
- D. The integrated pest management program shall strive to:
 - 1. Reduce any potential human health hazard.
 - 2. Reduce loss or damage to school structures or property.
 - 3. Minimize the risk of pests from spreading in the community.
 - 4. Enhance the quality of facility use for school and community.
 - 5. Minimize health, environmental and economic risks.

II. RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES

- A. When pesticides or herbicides are used, they must be classified as an EPA Category III or IV. Application of any pesticide or herbicide may be performed only by certified applicators.
- B. Application of pesticides and herbicides may only be accomplished during a school break or when the building will be clear of students for at least 48 hours.

III. NOTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE AND HERBICIDE USE

- A. When pesticides or herbicides are used outdoors, notice of their use will be provided to parent/guardians, staff and students and will also be posted in a common area.
- B. When pesticides and herbicides are used in a building, the site will provide a 48-hour pre-notification in the form of posting the product name, purpose, application date, time and method and the Material Safety Data Sheet on all entrance doors. A contact person will also be listed.
- C. In the event of an EPA registered pesticide or herbicide application in or around a building site during the school year or summer session, a notice (including the product name, purpose, contact person, and application date, time and method), will be sent home in writing with students in the affected building at least 5 days prior to application.

IV. RECORD-KEEPING

- A. The District will keep a record of pesticides and herbicides used, amounts and locations of treatments and will keep any Material Safety Data Sheets, product labels and manufacturer information on ingredients related to the application of the pesticides or herbicides.
- B. All records of pesticides and herbicides used and correspondence will be available for public review upon notice and during normal school hours.

V. STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES AND EDUCATION

- A. Designated staff (School Nutrition, Buildings and Grounds, etc.) will participate in sanitation and pest exclusion procedure appropriate to their roles. For example: keeping doors closed, repairing cracks, removing food waste within 12 hours, keeping lids on garbage receptacles and keeping vegetation properly out.
- B. Ongoing education of all appropriate District staff will be a priority to ensure a safe and clean environment.

LEGAL REF.: Chapter 85 of the Acts of 2000, "An Act to Protect Children and Families from Harmful Pesticides."

FIRST AID

The School District attempts to provide a safe environment. If an accident or sudden illness occurs, school personnel will administer first aid and, if warranted, call the school physician.

First aid is defined as the immediate and temporary care given in case of an accident or sudden illness, which enables the child to be taken safely home or to a physician. It does not include diagnosis or treatment. Any care beyond first aid will not be given.

At each school, procedures will be developed for the proper handling of an injury to, or sudden illness of, a child or staff member. These will be made known to the staff and will incorporate the following requirements:

1. The school nurse or another trained person will be responsible for administering first aid.
2. When the nature of an illness or an injury appears in any way serious, every effort will be made to contact the parent and/or family physician immediately.
3. No young child who is ill or injured will be sent home alone, nor will any older child unless the illness or injury is minor. A young child who is ill or injured will not be taken home unless it is known that someone is there to receive him or her.
4. In extreme emergencies, the school nurse, school physician or Principal may make arrangements for immediate hospitalization of injured or ill students, contacting parent or guardian in advance if at all possible.
5. The teacher or other staff member to whom a child is responsible at the time an accident occurs will make out a report on an official form providing details about the accident. This will be required for every accident for which first aid is given.
6. All accidents to students and staff members will be reported as soon as possible to the Superintendent and, if the Superintendent deems appropriate, to the School Committee.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 71:55A; 71:56

CROSS REF.: JLC, Student Health Services and Requirements

EMERGENCY PLANS

Advance planning for emergencies and disasters is essential to provide for the safety of students and staff; it also strengthens the morale of all concerned to know that plans exist and that students and staff have been trained in carrying out the plans.

The Superintendent will develop and maintain plans that meet the requirements of state law for preparedness in case of fire, civil emergencies, and natural disasters.

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

CROSS REF.: EBCD, Emergency Closings

FIRE DRILLS
PAT NOTE-CHECK WITH STEVE FINNEGAN

To ensure that students and staff realize the importance of preparing for emergency action in case of fire, each employee and student shall be instructed in regard to his/her conduct during a fire drill.

All schools shall conform to the following state regulations when holding fire drills:

1. The responsible school official in charge of the school... shall formulate a plan for the protection and evacuation of all persons in the event of fire, and shall include alternate means of egress for all persons involved; such plan to be presented to and approved by the head of the fire department.

Except in a planned drill, when a fire alarm is activated at any district school building, all students, staff, and visitors are expected to evacuate the building immediately and not return until an all-clear is announced/signaled. Administrators, custodians, or designees may remain in the building at their own risk to assist with the evacuation or subsequent investigation.

All students, staff, and visitors are to remain outside until the "all clear" is announced and reentry is authorized by the building administrator.

2. The ... Person in charge of each school shall see that each class instructor or supervisor shall receive proper instructions in the fire drill procedure specified for the room or area in which that person carries out his duties before he assumes such duties.
3. Every student in all schools shall be advised of the fire drill procedure or shall take part in a fire drill within three days after entering such school, and thereafter, in accordance with the regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Safety.

LEGAL REF.: Massachusetts Dept. of Safety Regulations, Chapter 148, Section G-L, #16

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

The Superintendent may close the schools or dismiss them early in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies that threaten the health or safety of students and personnel. While it may be prudent, under certain circumstances, to excuse all students from attending school, to delay the opening hour or to dismiss students early, the Superintendent has the responsibility to see that as much of the administrative, supervisory and operational activity is continued as may be possible. Therefore, if conditions affect only a single school, only that school will be closed.

In making the decision to close schools, the Superintendent will consider many factors, including the following principal ones relating to the fundamental concern for the safety and health of the children:

1. Weather conditions, both existing and predicted.
2. Driving, traffic, and parking conditions affecting public and private transportation facilities.
3. Actual occurrence or imminent possibility of any emergency condition that would make the operation of schools difficult or dangerous.
4. Inability of teaching personnel to report for duty, which might result in inadequate supervision of students.

The Superintendent will weigh these factors and take action to close the schools only after consultation with public works and public safety authorities and with school officials from neighboring towns. Students, parents and staff will be informed early in each school year of the procedures that will be used to notify them in case of emergency closings. When schools are closed for emergency reasons, staff members will comply with School Committee policy in reporting for work.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 71:4; 71:4A

CROSS REF.: EBC, Emergency Plans

BUILDING AND GROUNDS MANAGEMENT

The School Committee's most important function is to provide for the education of children, and it recognizes that the education of children is dependent upon many factors, including a proper physical environment that is safe, clean, sanitary, and as comfortable and convenient as the facilities will permit or the use requires.

The supervision over the care and safekeeping of property used by the school department will be the general responsibility of the Superintendent. He/she will work with the business administrator, director of buildings and grounds, and other administrators, as necessary to develop a comprehensive and well-defined plan for the proper maintenance, cleanliness, and safekeeping of all school buildings and grounds to ensure that each school is equally well maintained, equipped, and staffed.

The Superintendent, in cooperation with the business administrator, director of buildings & grounds, and other administrators will establish procedures and employ such means as may be necessary to provide accurate information in regard to the nature, condition, location, and value of all property used by the school department; to safeguard the property against loss, damage, or undue depreciation; to recover and restore to usefulness any property that may be lost, stolen, or damaged; and to do all things necessary to ensure the proper maintenance, cleanliness, and safekeeping of school property.

Within the separate schools, the building administrator will be responsible for proper care, maintenance, and cleanliness of buildings, equipment and grounds.

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L 71:68

VANDALISM

The School Committee recognizes that acts of vandalism committed against public and private property are costly and require positive action through educational programs. Consequently, the Committee will support various programs aimed at reducing the amount of vandalism.

Every citizen of the town, staff members, students, and members of the police department are urged by the School Committee to cooperate in reporting any incidents of vandalism to property under control of the school department, and the name(s) of the person or persons believed to be responsible. Each employee will report to the Principal of the school every incident of vandalism known to him/her and, if known, the names of those responsible.

The Superintendent is authorized to sign a criminal complaint and to press the charges against perpetrators of vandalism against school property, and is further authorized to delegate, as he/she sees fit, authority to sign such complaints and to press charges.

Parents and students will be made aware of the legal implications involved. Reimbursement will be sought for all or part of any damages.

VIDEO CAMERA AND PHOTOGRAPH POLICY

The Southern Berkshire Regional School Committee authorizes the use of video cameras on the regional school district property and its environs to ensure the health, welfare and safety of all students, staff and visitors on regional school district property, and to deter theft, vandalism and other negative behavior, to safeguard district buildings, grounds and equipment, and to monitor unauthorized individuals on school property. Video cameras may be used in locations as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with school officials and local law enforcement agencies.

The Regional School District shall notify staff and students through student handbooks and employee handbooks that video surveillance may occur on regional school district property and its environs, including school buses. Additionally, appropriate signage will appear at all major entrances to school buildings.

Students or staff identified on surveillance cameras in violation of Regional School Committee policies will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. Violations of the law may be referred to law enforcement agencies, and video evidence may be provided to law enforcement agencies. Video recordings shall not be used for evaluative purposes for school staff.

The Regional School Committee will be notified when the system is fully operational.

Additionally, students and staff may be required to have an individual photograph taken for identification purposes. Such photographs may be maintained in the student's cumulative file or the staff member's personnel file. The purpose of this policy is to enhance the safety of student, staff and visitors through visual identification in an emergency situation and to facilitate educational and administrative activities conducted in school.

The Regional School District shall ensure that proper procedures are followed regarding use, viewing, disclosure, retention, disposal and security of video recordings or photographs in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Regional School District will develop administrative procedures consistent with this policy.

AUTHORIZED USE OF SCHOOL-OWNED MATERIALS

The School Committee wishes to be of assistance, whenever possible, to other town departments and community organizations. Therefore, permission to use school equipment may be granted by the Superintendent upon request by responsible parties or organizations.

Staff members may use school equipment when the use is related to their school employment, and by students when the equipment is to be used in connection with their studies or extracurricular activities.

Proper controls will be established by the Superintendent to assure the user's responsibility for, and return of, all school equipment.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The major purpose of the school system's transportation services is to aid students in getting to and from school in an efficient, safe, and economical manner.

The school system will contract for transportation services. The School Committee will award contracts on a competitive bid basis. Bus contractors and taxi contractors, who will be held responsible for the safe operation of school buses, will comply with all applicable state laws and regulations, including but not limited to:

1. Specifications for school bus design and equipment
2. Inspection of buses
3. Qualifications and examinations of bus drivers
4. Driving regulations
5. Small vehicle requirements, if applicable
6. Insurance coverage
7. Adherence to local regulations and directives as specified in bid contracts

The Superintendent and/or his/her designee, working with the bus contractor and other appropriate administrators, will be responsible for establishing bus schedules, routes, stops, and all other matters relative to the transportation program.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 40:5; 71:7A, B and C; 71:16C; 71:37D; 71:48A; 71:68; 71:71A;
71B:4; 71B:5; 71B:8; 74:8A; 76:1; 76:12Bi; 76:14

CROSS REF.: EEAA, Walkers and Riders

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Pick-up of Young Children

To ensure the safety of all the students through grade four who ride in buses, children must be met at the bus stop by parents or other approved adults. An approved adult shall be a person designated by the custodial parent. **If a parent or approved adult is not at the bus stop, the child will be returned to one of the elementary schools with staff who remain late and the parent will be required to pick the child up there.** If this is an ongoing problem with a particular family, the child may have their transportation privilege suspended or revoked after a warning has been submitted to the parents. Exceptions to this parent-at-bus-stop rule may be requested by custodial parents, in writing, to the district and will be considered on an individual basis by the administration in consultation with the Bus Companies.

Behavior

Also, to ensure the safety of all students, it may occasionally be necessary to revoke the privilege of transportation from a student who does not follow the rules for safe transport. Parents/guardians of children whose behavior and misconduct on school buses endangers the health, safety, and welfare of other riders will be notified that their children face the loss of transportation privileges in accordance with school discipline regulations.

Changes in Destination:

The Bus Companies have informed the district that any changes in a child's bus transportation must be requested in written form and signed by a parent/guardian. The administrators cannot accept notes from school personnel stating they have spoken to the parent about a change in a bus assignment. If plans change during the school day, parents need to fax, bring a note, or email the school. Emergency situations will be considered on an individual basis by the administration of the child's school. Bus change requests must have the following information:

1. Student Name
2. Destination: Address
3. Signature
4. Date

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WALKERS AND RIDERS

Students will be entitled to transportation at school district expense in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws.

Pre-School Age Children

Children below school age involved in an approved activity sponsored by the school shall be permitted to ride on district school buses under the supervision of a relative or responsible adult.

Children with Special Needs

The transportation of children with special needs shall be in accordance with the specifications of their educational plans and shall be arranged accordingly by the school district administration

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L 71:16C, 71:68, 71B:5, 76:1

CROSS REF.: EEAC, School Bus Scheduling and Routing

SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULING AND ROUTING

Scheduling and routing of student transportation services shall be the responsibility of the superintendent and his staff, who shall plan route and schedule specifications to confirm, insofar as possible, with the following guidelines:

Guides for Route Planning

1. Routes shall be designated so that each bus carries no more pupils than its legal capacity.
2. Routes shall be designed so that, whenever feasible from an economic and safety viewpoint, no pupil spends more than one hour riding to or from school for the regular daily sessions. One-half hour of riding time for each trip is the desired average.
3. Bus stops on most roads shall be located, whenever feasible from an economic and safety viewpoint, so that children in grades 1-4 will walk no more than 0.5 mile to or from their homes during the regular daily sessions. Children in grades 5-12 will walk no more than 1.0 mile.
4. On roads formally designated by the Committee as hazardous because of the speed or volume of traffic, children in all grades shall walk no more than 0.3 mile to or from a bus stop during regular daily sessions.

Keeping in mind these guides, the administration shall plan base routes which will become part of the transportation contracts between the district and the school bus operators. Base routes shall provide that students and personnel shall be picked up and discharged only at their places of residence or at stops designated by school officials in conformance with the guidelines. Locations of bus stops shall be determined on the basis of traffic conditions as well; the Committee may designate certain roads as "hazardous", requiring special consideration in locating bus stops.

The School Committee shall reserve the right to change base routes from time to time during the term of transportation contracts as the welfare of district students requires. In the event that any route becomes overcrowded, necessitating an additional vehicle, the Committee may request the contractor to supply the vehicle for the remainder of the contract, according to the terms of the contract.

In case of changes in any base routes, price adjustments will be made as determined by the contract and approved by the Committee.

When necessary, and at least annually, there will be arranged a meeting of the administrative staff and all bus contractors to review transportation problems and consider modification of routes. The meeting will be organized by the District business administrator.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 71:16C, 71:68, 71B:5

CROSS REF.: EEAA, Walkers and Riders

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PROGRAM

The safety and welfare of student riders will be the first consideration in all matters pertaining to transportation. Safety precautions will include the following:

1. Children will be instructed as to the proper procedure for boarding and exiting from a school bus and in proper and safe conduct while aboard.
2. Emergency evacuation drills will be conducted at least twice a year to acquaint student riders with procedures in emergency situations.
3. All vehicles used to transport children will be inspected periodically for conformance with state and federal safety requirements.
4. Classroom instruction on school bus safety will be provided.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 90:7b as amended by Ch. 246 Acts of 1986
M.G.L. 90:1 et seq.; 713:2; 713:7L
Highway Safety Program Standard No. 17

CROSS REF.: EB, Safety Program

BUS DRIVER EXAMINATION AND TRAINING

The School Committee will reserve the right to approve or disapprove persons employed by the bus contractor to drive school transportation vehicles.

1. Courteous and careful drivers will be required.
2. No person under 18 years and only persons of high character will be allowed to operate school buses.
3. Only persons who are properly licensed by the state and have completed the driver-training program will be permitted to drive school buses.
4. The contractor will furnish the Business Administrator with a list of names of drivers and their safety records for the last three years.
5. The contractor will notify school officials as soon as possible of any change of bus drivers.

LEGAL REFS.: Highway Safety Program Standard No. 17
M.G.L. 90:7B; 90:8A; 90:8A ½

**DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR SCHOOL BUS AND
COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DRIVERS**

The District shall adhere to federal law and Department of Transportation regulations requiring a drug and alcohol-testing program for school bus drivers and commercial vehicle drivers. Such testing will be conducted for five different situations: pre-employment, randomly, following an accident, following an authorization to return to duty, and upon reasonable suspicion that a driver is under the influence of alcohol or using drugs.

The District will comply with Department of Transportation protocols regarding the collection and testing necessary to establish whether alcohol or drugs are present in the driver's system, and regulations will be established for the steps to be taken in the event that test results are positive.

This program shall comply with the requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, Section 382 et seq. The Superintendent or designees shall adopt and enact procedures consistent with the federal regulations, defining the circumstances and procedures for testing.

LEGAL REF.: 49 U.S.C. sec. 2717 et seq. (Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991)
49C.F.R. Part 40 Procedures for Transportation Workplace and Drug and Alcohol
Testing Programs
49C.F.R. Part 382 Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use and Testing
49 C.F.R. Part 391 Qualification of Drivers

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

The School Committee and its staff share with students and parents the responsibility for student safety during transportation to and from school. The authority for enforcing School Committee requirements of student conduct on buses will rest with the Principal.

To ensure the safety of all students who ride in buses, it may occasionally be necessary to revoke the privilege of transportation from a student who abuses this privilege. Parents of children whose behavior and misconduct on school buses endangers the health, safety, and welfare of other riders will be notified that their children face the loss of transportation privileges in accordance with regulations approved by the School Committee.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION IN PRIVATE VEHICLES

School buses or school-owned vans will be used for the transportation of students participating in co-curricular or extracurricular activities. However, when buses or vans are not available, private vehicles may be permitted to transport students to or from school activities that fall within the academic day or extend the school day provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. The activity has the approval of the Superintendent of Schools.
2. The owner of the vehicle being used in transporting students must file evidence with the Superintendent of personal liability insurance coverage on the vehicle in the amounts of \$100,000 - \$300,000 or more.
3. The parents of students to be transported in this manner will be fully informed as to this means of transportation and will sign a statement to this effect.

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MOTOR VEHICLE IDLING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

No motor vehicle operator shall cause or allow any motor vehicle operated by him or her on school grounds to idle unnecessarily, except for any of the following reasons: traffic conditions; queuing at a school for the purpose of picking up or discharging students; turbo-charged diesel engine cool down or warm up; maintenance of appropriate temperature for school buses when accepting or discharging passengers not to exceed three minutes in any fifteen minute period or one minute in any fifteen minute period for other motor vehicles; for circumstances involving safety or emergencies and for servicing or repairing motor vehicles; and as these exceptions are more completely described in the below referenced regulations. The term "school grounds" shall mean in, on or within 100 feet of the real property of the school whether or not it is in session, and shall include any athletic field or facility and any playground used for school purposes or functions which is owned by the municipality or school district, regardless of proximity to a school building, as well as any parking lot appurtenant to such school athletic field, facility or playground. Reasonable efforts shall be made by the district to identify by signage all known and actual air intake systems, which may be within 100 feet of an idling motor vehicle. A motor vehicle operator shall not idle a motor within 100 feet of such air intake system, unless the Southern Berkshire Regional School District has determined that alternative locations block traffic, impair student safety or are not cost effective.

The Southern Berkshire Regional School District shall erect and maintain in a conspicuous location on school grounds "NO IDLING" signage as described below. All such signage shall contain appropriate sized font so as to be visible from a distance of 50 feet.

NO IDLING

PENALTIES OF \$100 FOR FIRST OFFENSE AND \$500

FOR SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES

M.G.L. C. 90, § 16B AND 540 CMR 27.00

It shall be the responsibility of the school administration to ensure that each school bus driver employed by the Southern Berkshire Regional School District and not by a school bus contractor shall, upon employment and at least once per year thereafter, sign a document acknowledging the receipt of copies of M.G.L. c. 90, § 16B and 540 CMR 27.00. The prohibitions contained in M.G.L. c. 90, § 16B shall be enforced by state or local law enforcement agencies.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. c. 71:371-1, c. 90:16B and 540 CMR 27.00

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE FOOD SERVICES

The school system will take part in the National School Lunch Program and other food programs that may become available to assure that all children in the schools receive proper nourishment.

In accordance with guidelines for participation in these programs, and in accordance with the wishes of the Committee, no child who a teacher believes is improperly nourished will be denied a free lunch or other food simply because proper application has not been received from his parents or guardians.

As required by state and federal regulations, the School Committee will approve a policy statement pertaining to eligibility for free milk, free meals, and reduced price meals.

LEGAL REFS.: National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 USC 1751-1760)
 Child Nutrition Act of 1966
 P.L. 89-642, 80 Stat. 885, as amended
 M.G.L. 15:1G; 15:1L; 69:1C; 71:72

Note: The complete policy statement adopted by the Committee and reviewed by the Massachusetts Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education is on file in the Superintendent's office.