

**POLICY****3517 SECURITY**

The Board of Education believes that the buildings and facilities of this district represent a substantial community investment. The Board directs the development and implementation of a plan for district security to protect that investment.

The district security program will include the maintenance of facilities secure against unwelcome intrusion; protection against fire hazards and faulty equipment; and the observation of safe practices in the use of electrical, plumbing, and heating equipment. The Board directs close cooperation of district officials with local law enforcement officers, fire fighters, the sheriff's office, and insurance company inspectors.

Security means more than having locks and being sure that they are locked at the proper times. Security also means the following:

1. Minimizing fire hazards;
2. Reducing the probability of faulty equipment;
3. Guarding against the chance of faulty equipment;
4. Keeping records and funds in a safe place;
5. Protection against vandalism and burglary.

The Board requires close cooperation with local police and fire departments and with insurance company inspectors.

Personal access to school buildings and grounds outside the hours school is in session shall be limited to personnel whose employment requires their presence in the facility. An adequate key control system will be established to limit building access to authorized personnel and guard against the potential of intrusion by unauthorized persons who have obtained keys improperly.

Building records and funds shall be kept in a safe place and under lock and key as appropriate and necessary.

Protective devices designed to be used as safeguards against illegal entry and vandalism may be installed when appropriate. The Board may approve the employment of security guards in situations in which special risks are involved.

## **POLICY**

### **Video Recording**

The Superintendent shall direct the development of a system of video recording for the purpose of enhancing student and staff safety and the protection of school district property; and the Dennis Township School District shall:

1. Use video monitors on transportation vehicles as part of the total safety program for transportation of students;
2. Use video monitors at selected locations as part of the security system for protecting district owned property; and
3. Establish procedures for the use of video recording as documentation, adhering to all applicable state and federal laws.

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