

OPERATIONAL SERVICES

SAFETY PROGRAM - WARNING SYSTEMS & TESTING

As required by the Illinois Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools, all District buildings are protected by dual alarm systems. A manual system with strategically located alarm boxes permits a person to warn building occupants of fire or similar emergency. An automatic detection system, with devices sensitive to unusual heat, sounds an alarm within the building.

These systems shall be tested quarterly.

School personnel shall be familiar with the method of operating the manual system. It also is important that pupils understand the dangers and consequences of experimentation with and false use of these safety devices.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors and Alarms

Each school must be equipped with approved carbon monoxide alarms or carbon monoxide detectors. Carbon monoxide alarms or detectors must be located within 20 feet of a carbon monoxide emitting device and inspected annually.

The Superintendent or designee shall implement a plan with the District's local fire officials to:

1. Determine where to equip approved carbon monoxide alarms or carbon monoxide detectors in each school,
2. Locate the required carbon monoxide alarms or carbon monoxide detectors within 20 feet of a carbon monoxide emitting device, and
3. Incorporate carbon monoxide alarm or detector activation procedures into each school building that requires a carbon monoxide alarm or detector. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure each school building annually reviews these procedures.

Lead Testing in Water

The Superintendent or designee shall implement testing for lead in each source of drinking water in school buildings in accordance with the Illinois Plumbing License Law and guidance published by the IDPH. The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians about the sampling results from their children's respective school buildings.

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