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7430 - **SAFETY STANDARDS**

The School Board believes that the employees and students of this **School** Corporation, as well as visitors, are entitled to function in an environment as free from hazards as can reasonably be provided. In this regard and in accordance with law, the Board will provide reasonable and adequate protection to the lives, safety, and health of its employees **and students**.

In accordance with State law, the Board will designate safe areas and comply with disaster protection guidelines. The Superintendent shall be responsible for the maintenance of standards in the facilities to prevent accidents and to minimize their consequences.

The Superintendent shall, with the approval of the Board, designate an individual to serve as the school safety specialist for the **School** Corporation. The school safety specialist shall:

- A. conduct periodic audits of health and safety conditions within the facilities of the Corporation in accordance with the Federal OSHA standards adopted by the **State, State** and report any violations to the Superintendent;
- B. have the authority to organize and direct the activities of a Corporation safety committee;
- C. serve on the county safety commission, if one is established within the county;
- D. participate in the school safety training when the county safety council determines it is to be held;
- E. assist the county safety council with the development of a safety plan for each school in the Corporation;
- F. coordinate the safety plans of each school in the **School** Corporation as required by rules adopted by the Indiana State Board of Education;
- G. act as a resource for other individuals in the **School** Corporation on issues related to school discipline, safety, and security.

The Corporation shall test the drinking water in any child care facility or preschool operated by the Corporation before January 1, 2026, to determine whether lead is present in the drinking water in a concentration that equals or exceeds the action level for lead. Drinking water testing required by this section must be performed in accordance with the lead sampling program for school buildings and child care facilities conducted by the Indiana Finance Authority. If the drinking water in a Corporation child care facility or preschool has been tested through a lead sampling program conducted by the Indiana Finance Authority, additional testing is not required. If the testing of the drinking water in a Corporation child care facility or preschool indicates that the presence of lead in the drinking water equals or exceeds the action level for lead, the Corporation shall take action to reduce the concentration of lead in the drinking water to a level below the action level for lead by:

- A. **eliminating the source of the lead in the drinking water; or**
- B. **installing a water filtration system that will reduce the level of lead in the drinking water to a level below the action level for lead. The water filtration system must meet the requirements of I.C. 16-41-21.2-4(3) and (f).**

The Superintendent shall ascertain that the employees and students of this Corporation are aware of their rights to an environment free of recognized hazards, that they are properly trained in safety methods, that protective devices and equipment are available to meet safety standards, and that proper guidelines and records are maintained to meet the requirements of the law.

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