

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

SECTION: EMPLOYEES
TITLE: Responsibility for Student Welfare
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340 RESPONSIBILITY FOR STUDENT WELFARE

Purpose

The Board of Education believes that the major focus of an educational institution is to protect and advance the welfare of its students. Each employee has the moral and legal responsibility to assist in making the learning environment free of risk to the well-being of the learner.

Guidelines

Commensurate with assigned duties and responsibilities, each employee must maintain a standard of concern for the physical, emotional, and moral protection of the students.

Instructional staff shall provide content and activities on general welfare as presented in assigned curricula courses and/or guides.

Employees are responsible for the safety of students assigned to their charge. This provision includes the presence of the teacher or a responsible designee at all times, the use of only that equipment which has been approved by the School District, the reporting of unsafe equipment or conditions to the immediate supervisor -- this reporting includes the presence of dangerous weapons, drug abuse and any persons who are acting in a suspicious manner.

Students may not be transported in a personal vehicle except where specifically permitted by Board policy.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent shall develop a program of student welfare in accordance with the guidelines of this policy.