

SUMMERS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

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SCHOOL SAFETY AND EMERGENCY CONTROL PLAN

The West Virginia Board of Education adopted a resolution concerning safety and safety education having the following provisions:

- a. Those persons responsible for the operation of public school systems move immediately to insure that safety and safety education concepts be incorporated in an adequate and factual way in all grade levels as presented in Section 17 of the Comprehensive Educational Program; and
- b. That practical instructional techniques and activities designed to translate such concepts into valid life experiences for all students be introduced into the operational programs of school systems no later than the 1973-74 school year.

The above resolution mandates that all schools develop a program of safety education that will establish the students' awareness of hazardous conditions and prepare them to function safely in the presence of such hazards.

School experiences in safety education may be integrated with all areas of the curriculum. These should include home, school and community safety education in such areas as fire safety, water safety, pedestrian safety, bicycling, traffic safety education, etc., as they relate to the various age groups from early childhood to the secondary age level.

Emergency plans to be used on the county level have been developed and coordinated with the local civil defense emergency operation plans. In addition to the county plan, each school has developed a plan to handle such emergencies as fire, flood, blizzard, etc., which may arise in the respective schools.

The principal of the school should:

1. Appoint a school emergency coordinator.
2. Coordinate the plans for his/her school with those for other schools.
3. Delegate emergency readiness responsibilities to staff members.
4. Encourage the introduction of the use of disaster readiness concepts and materials in classroom instruction.
5. Provide in-service training for the staff.
6. Establish an emergency communication system in the school.
7. Each year the principal and school safety coordinator is responsible for up-dating the existing plan.

