

It is the policy of the Columbia County Board of Education to provide and maintain a safe and healthy working environment and to follow practices that will safeguard all employees and students which result in safe working conditions.

The Superintendent is charged with the responsibility to develop and maintain an effective safety program including inspections and accident prevention plans.

The objectives of this program shall include the following:

1. Safety of employees and students is of utmost concern for all in the school system.
2. Safety will take precedent over expedience or short cuts to problems.
3. Every attempt will be made to reduce the possibility of accidents.
4. All laws and ordinances will be in compliance with state and federal laws.
5. All employees must accept the responsibility to make safety a priority concern.
6. Safe working conditions and practices are to be followed.
7. Provide a safe environment for students and employees.
8. Ultimately reduce operating costs by educating and informing all who are a part of the school system.

**PROCEDURE: YES**

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