

BUILDING AND GROUNDS SECURITY

It is the goal of the Dent-Phelps R-III School District to provide a safe learning environment for students and a safe working environment for employees. The Board directs the superintendent or designee to routinely inspect the district's property and bring proposals for improving security to the Board.

Property Access

In general, district buildings and property are not open to the public unless the district has specifically opened a building or property for public use or for an event to which the public is invited. The superintendent or designee will establish regular business hours and locations where members of the general public may contact the district and interact with district employees.

The superintendent or designee will set hours when parents/guardians may drop off and pick up their students. The district is not responsible for the supervision of students except during regular school hours or other times designated by the district.

The superintendent or designee will determine which district employees need access to district buildings or grounds outside regular building hours and provide those employees keys or electronic access. The district will maintain a list of employees with access and will routinely monitor this list to ensure that only current employees continue to have access. An employee's access may be revoked at any time.

All district employees and volunteers are required to maintain security in district buildings, enforce building access rules and take action when doors are left unsecured or district security is otherwise compromised.

Security Personnel

The district may employ or contract for trained and appropriately licensed personnel or independent contractors to provide security during the regular school day, after regular business hours or during events or activities where additional security is determined necessary.

Surveillance Cameras

The district utilizes surveillance equipment on district property and in district facilities for security purposes.

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Firearms and Other Weapons

No person shall carry a firearm, a concealed weapon or any other weapon readily capable of lethal use into any school, onto any school transportation or onto the premises of any function or activity sponsored or sanctioned by the district, except for authorized law enforcement officials. Adults and students may possess weapons on school property for the limited purpose of facilitating or participating in a school-sanctioned firearm-related event, as long as the weapons are neither concealed nor carried onto school transportation or onto the premises of any other school or school-sponsored activity. The Board and superintendent may designate district employees who are otherwise legally eligible to carry a concealed weapon to possess a concealed weapon in and on district facilities as part of the district's security plan and subject to any other certification or training the Board or superintendent may require. School officials are prohibited from authorizing any person to bring weapons on school property or to school activities, including concealed weapons, beyond the exceptions stated in this policy.

Any person who possesses a weapon in violation of this policy will be asked to leave. In addition, district administrators may report the incident to law enforcement officials, ban the person from school property or school events in accordance with policy KK or seek other legal remedies. Possession of weapons by students is governed by policy JFCJ and regulation JG-R

Vandalism

The Board shall seek all legal redress against persons found to have committed incidents of willful or malicious abuse, destruction, defacing and/or theft of the property of the Dent-Phelps R-III School District.

District patrons, students and members of the staff are urged by the Board to cooperate in reporting incidents of vandalism to property belonging to the district, as well as the name(s) of the person or persons believed to be responsible.

The superintendent and/or principal shall be authorized to sign a complaint, press charges and pursue civil action against perpetrators of vandalism to district property. Restitution for the damages caused will be sought from such persons and, in the case of minors, from their parents/guardians under the laws of this state. Students found guilty of willfully defacing or injuring any district property shall pay for the damages caused thereby and may be suspended or expelled as provided by law.

Security Records

In accordance with law and district policy, the district has closed records pertaining to district security guidelines, policies and response plans; structural plans of real property; security systems; and access and authorization codes for security systems. Other security-related records will only be provided to members of the public upon request when required by law.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

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Cross Refs: BDC, Closed Meetings, Records and Votes
JFCJ, Weapons in School
JGD, Student Suspension and Expulsion
KG, Community Use of District Facilities
KK, Visitors to District Property/Events
KKB, Audio and Visual Recording

Legal Refs: §§ 162.215, 168.201, 171.011, 177.031, 211.181, .185, .188, 537.045, 571.030,
.107, 574.085, 610.021, RSMo.

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