

*LIBERTY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
 OPPAGA SAFE PASSAGE REPORT
 JUNE 11, 2002*

School Safety and Security Best Practices With Their Associated Recommendations Goals (A, B, C . . .), Best Practices (1, 2, 3 . . .)

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<i>Goals, Best Practices</i>			<i>Explanation/Recommendations</i>	<i>Fiscal Impact and Timeline</i>
2. The district identifies and implements parent and community outreach strategies to promote safety in the home and community.			Although any effort in this direction is not enough, the Liberty County School Board does work closely with the Liberty County Sheriff's Department, the Health Department, Emergency Management, Juvenile Justice and the Traffic Safety Committee to promote safety. Information regarding essential school enrollment health examinations and immunizations for all students is provided through the newspaper and letters to parents.	On Going No Cost
3. The district conducts a hazards analysis to determine the potential safety and security issues facing each school.			The Director of Administration for the Liberty County School Board receives all reports of potential signs of safety hazard problems. As school safety committees are established, these reports should become more formal as they meet more regularly on the different campuses. Input from the SRO and parent and student surveys is also used.	2002-2003 No Cost
4. Based on the needs identified in the school hazards analysis, the district implements appropriate violence and drug prevention programs for each school.			Our school system has for many years endeavored to implement a Safe and Drug Free School Plan. The plan is improved upon and amended each year. The district works closely with all available agencies that deal with safety and drugs. Surveys of students in certain grade levels are taken each year and programs to prevent the use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs are implemented also. It is recommended that a broader cross section of the student body be provided these safety programs.	On Going No Cost

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5. The district has crime watch and school safety hotlines available in all schools.	The Liberty County School Board’s SRO has worked to make a school safety and crime watch hotline available. The line is anonymous and confidential. The name of the hotline is “BE BRAVE” and the number is 1-877-7 BE BRAVE. This number is constantly made available through announcements, posters, bulletins, newsletters, and the newspaper.	On Going No Cost
6. The school board adopts curricula and programs aimed at protecting students, teachers, bus operators, administrators, and school personnel.^{1,2}	Programs such as Health Promotion Wave Curriculum, Chemical Addiction Recovery Program, Tobacco Crush It Week, Say No to Drugs Week, Conflict Resolution, and Violence Prevention are made available to the students of Liberty County. It is recommended that all teachers be made aware of these programs and positively promote them during their contact with students.	On Going No Additional Cost

¹ These programs should be designed to improve overall student performance, reduce risk factors and warning signs, prevent bullying or harassment, and improve student behavior.

² This includes programs such as “Blueprints” from the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, the Safe and Drug Free Schools Resource Center. NOTE: There are many sites for these kinds of programs, so the district may use something else.

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3. The district has procedures that govern access to each educational facility and its students and access is limited to authorized students and visitors.	<p>Each school in Liberty County is clearly marked with instructions for every visitor to report to the main office upon arrival. Students are released only through precise procedures of identification of the person requesting the checkout. All school buildings are locked during non-school hours and in some instances the fence surrounding the campus is locked.</p> <p>It is recommended that each school employee be reminded periodically to check with visitors to make sure they have gone to the main office before coming on the main campus.</p>	<p>On Going</p> <p>No Cost</p>
4. The district ensures that playgrounds are properly constructed, maintained, and supervised so as to reduce the risk of injury.	<p>Although many of our playgrounds have been established for many years, we have recently dismantled and disposed of all the equipment that was in disrepair or obviously a danger. Maintaining and repairing playground equipment is an ongoing venture. No concrete plan is in place other than yearly inspections of the playgrounds. It is recommended that more thorough and frequent inspections be done of the playgrounds by maintenance personnel and corrections be made immediately.</p>	<p>2002-2003</p> <p>No Cost</p>
5. Each educational facility has appropriate equipment to protect the safety and security of property and records.	<p>67% of our schools have security cameras already in place. However, plans are in place to make that 100% in the upcoming year. Also, plans are to fence the one school in the district that is not under fence within the next two years if the budget permits. Fire alarms are also in place in each school.</p>	<p>2002-2004</p> <p>\$ 125,000,00</p>
6. The district provides appropriate safety equipment and information to prevent injuries to students and others.	<p>Each school is fortunate enough to have a nurse on campus full time. First Aid supplies are available and stored in the health clinic. Safety rules and procedures are taught in all laboratories and shop classes. Necessary safety equipment is supplied such as rubber gloves, goggles dust masks, etc. when it is needed to help prevent or at least lessen the number of injuries to students.</p>	<p>On Going</p> <p>2002-2003</p>

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7. The district follows environmental and food safety health practices and regulations.	Every lunchroom and food service facility is inspected by the Liberty County Health Department on a monthly basis. Copies of these inspections are sent to the Director of Administration and the Food Service Director so immediate action can be taken on any noted non-compliance issue. Generally, a safe facility is found by the inspector. All lunchroom personnel are trained in safety and made aware of their safety-related duties.	On Going No Cost
<i>Goal F:</i> The district takes steps to ensure the safety and security of students and staff during transportation.	<u>XX</u>	<u>XXXXXXXXXX</u>
1. The district has procedures to create safe and orderly process for students arriving at or leaving each school campus. ⁴	School bus service drives at each school have met the approval of state inspections and are deemed to be in compliance with SREF Regulations. However, problems with safety still occur and the principals and the Director of Transportation are always finding better and safer ways to load and unload our students. By the upcoming year at the Liberty County High School another exit route for the busses will be established so the busses can exit on a side street with little traffic instead of where they currently exit on the main highway through town. It is recommended that this be done by the beginning of school.	August 2002 No Cost

⁴ Refer to s. 234.0215, F.S., and Rules 6-2.001 and 6-3.017(2)(e)2.b., F.A.C.

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<p>2. The district has implemented policies, procedures, and practices that ensure the safety of transported students.</p>	<p>Whenever new busses are purchased by the Liberty County School Board they contain all the required equipment and appropriate gear. These busses are then put on the most appropriate routes chosen by safety and economics. These bus routes are reviewed annually by the Director of Transportation together with the input from drivers, parents and other friends of the school. The Liberty County School Board goes to great lengths to ensure that all drivers of students are properly trained, licensed, and qualified. Random drug and alcohol test are done for current drivers to make sure no driver is using any illegal or inappropriate substance.</p>	<p>On Going No Cost</p>
<p>3. School buses, including buses operated by schools, charter schools, and contractors, are inspected and maintained in accordance with states laws and state Department of Education rules.</p>	<p>All school busses are inspected under Florida DOT guidelines every 20 days by highly trained and certified mechanics. In addition all bus drivers conduct a pre-trip inspection of their school bus and make sure any deficiency is corrected before any student is allowed to board. If any deficiency is found, the bus is taken off the road and only returned to service following the correction of the deficiency or when it meets the requirements of the Florida School Bus Inspection Manual.</p>	<p>On Going No Additional Cost</p>

APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF JUNE 2002 AT THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE

LIBERTY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD.

 Anthony L. Anderson, Superintendent of Schools

 Darrel.L. Hayes, Chairman of the School Board