



SECTION: Foundations and Basic Commitments
Safe Schools
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The Colorado Early Colleges Governing Board (the Board) recognizes that effective learning and teaching take place in a safe, secure, and welcoming environment and that safe schools contribute to improved attendance, increased student achievement, and community support. The Board delegates its authority to Colorado Early Colleges' (CEC) Chief Executive Administrator (CEA) to ensure the development of a safe schools plan (EOP). All CEC EOPs will comply with federal, state, and local laws; will be reviewed and updated annually; and will be available for public review at each CEC campus.

The EOP must include:

1. Procedures that address the supervision and security of school buildings and grounds.
2. Procedures that address the safety and supervision of students during school hours and school-sponsored activities.
3. Procedures that address persons visiting school buildings and attending school-sponsored activities.
4. Training programs for staff and students in crisis prevention and management.
5. Training programs for staff and students in emergency-response procedures that include practice drills.
6. Training programs for staff and students in how to recognize and respond to behavior or other information that may indicate impending violence or other safety problems.
7. Training and support for students that aims to relieve the fear, embarrassment, and peer pressure associated with reporting behavior that may indicate impending violence or other safety problems.
8. Procedures for safe, confidential reporting of security and safety concerns at each school building.
9. Procedures for regular assessments by school security/safety professionals and law enforcement officers to evaluate the security needs of each school building and to provide recommendations for improvements, if necessary.
10. Procedures to provide for regular communications between individual charter school officials, law enforcement officers, fire department officials, city and county officials, and local medical personnel to discuss crisis prevention and management strategies, including involvement by these parties in the development and revision of crisis prevention and management plans.

11. Training programs for staff and students in safety precautions and procedures related to fire prevention, natural disaster response, accident prevention, public health, traffic, bicycle and pedestrian safety, environmental hazards, civil defense, classroom and occupational safety, and special hazards associated with athletics and other extracurricular activities.
12. Procedures for the reporting of criminal activity to law enforcement and Colorado Charter School Institute.

The CEA, or designee, shall submit annually, in the manner and by the date specified by the State Board of Education, a written report to the Board concerning the learning environment in the school during that school year. The report shall contain, at a minimum, the information required by law.

It shall be the responsibility of the CEA, or designee, to compile the annual safety reports from each school leader and submit the compilation to the State Department of Education in a format specified by the State Board of Education. The report shall be made available to the public.

Additional Legal References:

C.R.S. 9-1-101 through 9-1-106 (construction requirements, fire escapes, etc.)
C.R.S. 22-3-101 through 22-3-104 (eye protective devices)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1(2) (safe schools plan)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1(2)(b) (detailing information required in annual principal reports on the learning environment)
C.R.S. 22-32-124(2), (3) (building inspections)
C.R.S. 24-10-106.5 (duty of care)
C.R.S. 22-32-110(1)(k) (board authority to adopt policies related to employee safety and official conduct)
42 U.S.C. §6901 (1982 & Supp. III 1985) (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act [RCRA] and accompanying regulations)
42 U.S.C. § 9601 (1982 & Supp. IV 1986) (Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act [CERCLA] and accompanying regulations)
49 U.S.C. 1801 (Hazardous Materials Transportation Act)
C.R.S. 13-21-108.5 (persons rendering assistance relating to discharge of hazardous materials immune from civil liability)
C.R.S. 24-10-106.5 (duty of care in Colorado Governmental Immunity Act)
C.R.S. 25-15-101 et seq. (state hazardous waste management program)
C.R.S. 29-22-101 et seq. (hazardous substance incidents)
C.R.S. 42-4-228 (vehicles transporting explosive or hazardous materials) C.R.S. 42-4-234(3)
C.R.S. 42-20-101 et seq. (Hazardous Materials Transportation Act of 1987) 6 CCR 1007-3, Part 261 (identification and listing of hazardous waste)
8 CCR 1507-1 (operation of commercial vehicles and transportation of hazardous materials) CSI Schools Safety Plan Supplement

Policy and Handbook References:

School Safety Plan
Crisis Management/Emergency Communications
CEC Student and Family Handbook
CEC Employee Handbook