



SECTION III: INSTRUCTION

POLICY 3160

SAFE SCHOOL COMMITTEES

No later than October 1, of each school year, the Principal at each school site within this District shall establish a Safe School Committee. The Committee will be composed of at least seven members, with representation from teachers, parents of enrolled students, students and a school official who participates in the investigation of reports of bullying. The Safe School Committee may also include administrators, school staff, school volunteers, community representatives, and local law enforcement agencies.

The Committee shall assist the Board of Education for Broken Arrow Public Schools in promoting a positive school climate through planning, implementing and evaluating effective prevention, readiness and response strategies, including the bullying policy required by state law.

The Safe School Committee shall study and make recommendations, in writing, to the school Principal regarding: unsafe conditions, possible strategies for students, faculty and staff to avoid physical and emotional harm at school, student victimization, human trafficking, crime prevention, school violence, and bullying. The recommendations related to human trafficking and bullying will include professional development needs of faculty and staff for the purpose of recognizing and implementing methods to avoid or decrease the number of incidents, methods to encourage the development of individual relationships between students and staff, use of problem-solving teams and resources that include counselors and other behavioral health resources within or outside the school system, and any other issues which prohibit the maintenance of a safe school.

In its consideration, the Safe School Committee shall review the District policy for the prevention of bullying and the list of research-based programs appropriate for the prevention of bullying of students at school compiled by the State Department of Education. In addition, the Committee may review traditional and accepted bullying prevention programs utilized by other states, state agencies or school districts.

Prior to the last day of January each year, each Safe School Committee shall make a written report to the school Principal. The Principal will prioritize recommendations from the Safe School Committee and determine which recommendations may be handled internally and which require outside resource allocation. In making the determination of site responsibility, the Principal will consider all resources available to the site including bond allocations. The school Principal shall transmit a final copy of the report to the District Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain the reports in the records of the District.

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Broken Arrow Board of Education policy revised, January 7, 2002
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