

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS SECURITY

It is the policy of the Terrebonne Parish School Board that a concerted effort be made at all times by the Board and all personnel to provide for the security and protection of its students, employees, visitors, facilities, and equipment.

Security not only encompasses maintenance of secure (locked) buildings but other strategies to make the school environment safe, such as protection from fire hazards and faulty equipment and safe practices in the use of electrical, plumbing, and heating equipment, and the protection of students, staff, and visitors at school functions, whether on or off campus.

Access to school buildings and grounds outside of regular school hours shall be limited to personnel whose work requires it.

Records and funds shall be kept in a safe place and under lock and key, when required.

Security devices that violate the Louisiana State Fire Marshal laws, rules and/or regulations, may not be added to buildings. However, security devices such as alarm systems and fences designed to be used as safeguards against illegal entry and vandalism may be installed, when appropriate, to individual situations.

### FIREARM FREE ZONES

The areas surrounding the school campus or within 1,000 feet of any such school campus, or within a school bus, shall be designated *Firearm Free Zones*. It is unlawful for a student or non-student to intentionally possess a firearm on school property or within 1,000 feet of school property or while on a school bus, with limited exception, as enumerated in La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §14:95.2. The School Board, in cooperation with local governmental agencies and the Louisiana Department of Education, shall designate and mark *Firearm Free Zones* which surround all schools and school property.

### BODY ARMOR

It shall be unlawful and against School Board policy for any student or non-student to wear or possess on his/her person, at any time, body armor on any School Board property, school campus, at a school-sponsored function, on a school bus or other school transportation, or in a *Firearm Free Zone*, with limited exception as enumerated in La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §14:95.9. School-sponsored functions shall include, but not be limited to, athletic competitions, dances, parties, or any extracurricular activities. A *Firearm Free Zone* means any area within 1,000 feet of any school campus and within a school bus.

*Body armor* shall mean bullet-resistant metal or other material intended to provide protection from weapons or bodily injury.

The School Board shall post permanent notices of such prohibition at each major point of entry to the school.

### DRUG FREE ZONES

The area within 2,000 feet of any property used for school purposes by any school, or on a school bus, shall be designated as *Drug Free Zones*. It is unlawful for anyone to use, distribute, be under the influence of, manufacture or possess any controlled substances as defined by statute in a *Drug Free Zone*. The Terrebonne Parish School Board, in cooperation with local governmental agencies, and the Louisiana Department of Education, shall designate and mark *Drug Free Zones* which surround all schools and school property.

### ELECTRONIC TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES

Except as may be allowed by School Board policy, no person, unless authorized by the school principal or designee, shall use, possess, or operate any electronic telecommunication device including any facsimile system, radio paging service, mobile telephone service (including but not limited to texting), intercom, or electromechanical paging system in any elementary or secondary school building, or on the grounds thereof while school is in session or in any school bus.

### SEARCH OF PERSONS OTHER THAN STUDENTS

Any school principal, administrator, teacher, or school security guards may search the person, book bag, briefcase, purse or other object in the possession of any person who is not a student enrolled in the school, or any school employee, while in or on school grounds. This search may be done randomly with a metal detector, or physically when there is reasonable suspicion that such person has any weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, stolen goods, or objects in violation of School Board policy.

### PRIVATE PROPERTY

The School Board shall endeavor to protect the property of others while on School Board property but does not guarantee the safety of any personal item or vehicle while on school property. Therefore, the School Board or any of its employees shall not be responsible for any personal items stolen or damaged on school premises or property or at any school-sponsored event.

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