

DANBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Danbury, Connecticut

POLICY

SAFETY AND SECURITY

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The Board of Education recognizes that a safe and secure school environment is essential for learning. School safety and security shall be the concern and responsibility of the total school community, including the Board of Education, Administration, staff, parents and students.

In meeting this responsibility, the Board shall assure that the rights of all members of the Danbury school community are respected. School rules shall be enforced uniformly and fairly to assure that students and staff can work without disruption or interference of the educational process.

The Superintendent of Schools, the Administration and staff are responsible for maintaining order in the schools. The Administration may retain security personnel, including the Danbury Police, to assist it when appropriate and when approved by the Superintendent of Schools. In appropriate cases, the Superintendent or designee may use reasonable physical force and/or restraint to maintain order, but only to the extent necessary to protect students, staff or visitors from immediate physical injury, to obtain possession of a dangerous instrument or controlled substance, to protect property from physical damage and/or to restrain a student, or to remove a student to another area to maintain order.

If criminal activity occurs or is alleged to have occurred on school property, the Administration shall investigate and take appropriate disciplinary action pursuant to Board policy and state statute. In such cases, the Administration may call upon the police for intervention and/or technical assistance.