

Yancey County School Board Policy

FACILITIES

CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS AND OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT

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The board strives to make the physical grounds at each school campus part of a safe, orderly and inviting educational environment. To further this goal, the principal shall seek opportunities to involve employees, parents and students at that school in the decisions related to the school grounds and shall make reasonable efforts to maintain the grounds and outdoor equipment in a manner consistent with board goals.

The board recognizes that chromated copper arsenate-treated wood ("arsenate-treated wood") has been found to pose health hazards to students and has been removed from the marketplace for residential uses. Thus, the board prohibits the purchase or acceptance of arsenate-treated wood for future use on school grounds. To the extent possible, the principal or designee shall ensure that existing arsenate-treated wood in playground equipment is sealed.

The principal shall inspect playgrounds and outdoor equipment for other health and safety hazards on a regular basis and as required by law and post warnings of any hazards as necessary to alert the public, staff and students of those hazards. The principal shall notify the superintendent immediately of repairs needed to meet safety standards.

1. It is the responsibility of the school administration and custodial staff to keep school buildings, grounds and equipment clean and in good repair and operating condition.
2. To facilitate and make more effective the work of the school maintenance staff, it is necessary that there be mutual understanding between principals and the maintenance director with reference to relationships and responsibilities of maintenance employees.
3. Requisitions for school maintenance services shall be completed by the principal and submitted to the maintenance director.
4. The maintenance function is a significant and important part of the operation of the schools. The maintenance personnel shall conduct themselves and perform their work in a manner that will secure public approval.
5. All maintenance employees shall be responsible for the care and proper use of school property, vehicles, equipment and materials entrusted to their care.
6. The work schedule of the maintenance employees shall be organized so that the working time of each employee shall be fully utilized.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-12(34)(a), -36, -47, -524

Cross References: Student Safety (policy 1510/4200/7270)

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