

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

Regulation Name: Safe Arrival Program
Section: Educational Services Regulation Code: ES-1.1.10
Policy Code Reference: ES-1.1

Established: June 21, 1999

Revised or

Reviewed: January 31, 2008; June 21, 2018; June 20, 2023

1. **OBJECTIVE**

This administrative regulation is written in accordance with the guiding principles in Board Policy ES-1.1, Safe and Caring Schools, and directives from the Ministry of Education.

A Safe Arrival Program shall be responsive to student safety within the home and school community through the combined efforts of the parent(s)/guardian(s) and school staff.

2. **DEFINITIONS**

Administrative Regulation

A document issued through the Director of Education, governing the implementation of a Board policy, or required to coordinate and control certain aspects of system operations.

Board

The corporate Board which maintains the daily operation of the system; Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board; a reference specifically pertaining to Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board as a legal entity; also referred to as KPR or KPRDSB.

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Policy and Program Memorandum

3. APPLICATION

This administrative regulation applies to all Board employees who support students, students, and parents/guardians.

4. **RESPONSIBILITY**

4.1 Responsibility for this administrative regulation is as outlined in the Board Policy ES-1.1, Safe and Caring Schools.

- 4.2 The Elementary School Principal is responsible for:
 - 4.2.1 ensuring all parent(s)/guardian(s) are provided with the necessary information to report all student absences through the Automated Student Absence Reporting System,

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- 4.2.2 establishing strategies for communicating the Automated Student Absence Reporting System including respective roles and responsibilities with all school community members (e.g., parent(s)/guardian(s), staff, caregivers, students, volunteers),
- 4.2.3 providing appropriate training and supervision for those involved in the delivery of the Automated Student Absence Reporting System,
- 4.2.4 reviewing the Automated Student Absence Reporting System on a regular basis to confirm effectiveness within the school community.
- 4.3 The Secondary School Principal is responsible for:
 - 4.3.1 ensuring all parent(s)/guardian(s), are provided with the necessary information to report all student absences through the Automated Student Absence Reporting System.
- 4.4 Parent(s)/Guardian(s) is/are responsible for:
 - 4.4.1 their children's safety,
 - 4.4.2 communicating planned student absences or lateness to school staff on a timely basis, and
 - 4.4.3 providing school staff with complete and current emergency information to enable school staff to make any necessary follow-up contacts.

5. PROCEDURE

5.1 Features of the Safe Arrival Program

The Safe Arrival Program shall provide for the following:

- 5.1.1 procedures for daily attendance reporting,
- 5.1.2 development of a reliable method of documenting critical information in compliance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act such as:
 - 5.1.2.1 a log of parent/guardian calls reporting absences,

- 5.1.2.2 names and current telephone numbers of parent(s)/guardian(s) and emergency contacts, including caregivers,
- 5.1.2.3 parental consent for school staff to make contacts, and
- 5.1.2.4 log of actions taken by staff supporting the Safe Arrival Program, including information to the family of schools superintendent in emergency situations.
- 5.1.3 expectations and training for staff with the Safe Arrival Program (e.g., confidentiality, all features of Safe Arrival Program),
- 5.1.4 appropriate modifications to the Safe Arrival Program for unusual events and conditions (e.g., bus cancellations due to inclement weather), and
- 5.1.5 alternative strategies for communicating with parent(s)/guardian(s) whose language and/or needs may vary (e.g., language at student's home may be other than the language of instruction, parent/guardian is deaf, parent(s)/guardian(s) who do not have telephone service, etc.).

6. RELATED POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS OR PROCEDURAL DOCUMENTS

Board Policies:

B-3.2, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

B-3.3, Human Rights: Code-Based Discrimination and Harassment

ES-1.1, Safe and Caring Schools

Administrative Regulations:

ES-1.1.1, Discipline/Promoting Positive Student Behaviour/Code of Conduct

ES-1.1.1A, Appendix A: Discipline/Promoting Positive Student/Behaviour/Code of

Conduct

ES-1.1.2, Suspension

ES-1.1.3, Expulsion

ES-1.1.4, Child in Need of Protection

ES-1.1.8, Procedures in the Event of a Bomb Threat

ES-1.1.9, Substance Use

ES-1.1.12, Sexual Misconduct by Students

ES-1.1.12A, Appendix A: Police/School Board Protocol

ES-1.1.13, Anti-Sex Trafficking

Procedural Documents:

Ensuring Student Safety and Protection Together Protocol, 2019

7. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Legislation:

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

Child and Family Services Act

Education Act

Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Occupational Health and Safety Act

Ontario Human Rights Code

Other Documents:

<u>Ministry of Education, Policy and Program Memoranda 9: Reporting of Children in Need of Protection</u>

Ministry of Education, Policy and Program Memoranda 123: Safe Arrivals

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