

## **SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS**

### **Background**

The Division has responsibility for the safety and security of students while those students are in its care and custody.

### **Procedures**

1. Principals are responsible for effective supervision of students under their care during all school and school related activities.
2. Principals shall formulate local guidelines and procedures pertaining to the supervision of students during:
  - 2.1 Times when students begin to assemble for classes until their dismissal from schools;
  - 2.2 Morning and afternoon breaks and recesses;
  - 2.3 Noon hour when students are present either for lunch or other activities;
  - 2.4 Times or occasions when students are transported by school buses;
  - 2.5 Extra-curricular activities on the school grounds, in school buildings or away from school but under school sponsorship; and
  - 2.6 During adverse weather conditions.
3. Principals shall co-operate with and assist the community in assuring the orderly and safe conduct of all students on the way to and from school.
4. Teachers are responsible for the general supervision of students while they are at school. Specific supervisory duties shall be assigned by the Principal to ensure the safety of the school community and to allow for a division of responsibility.
5. All school staff, in order to prevent accidents, shall be constant in their attention to unsafe conditions involving equipment, building and school premises. Care is to be taken to see that unsafe conditions are immediately reported to the Principal.
6. During instructional time student supervision is the responsibility of the classroom teacher.
7. The organization of a school or schools may involve volunteer parents or paid parent supervisors for various supervisory duties. Such supervisory duties shall be authorized by the Principal, after approval from the Superintendent. Parents in all cases shall be properly briefed as to their specific duties as supervisors.

Reference: Section 8, 12, 18, 20, 22, 24, 25, 27, 45, 60, 61, 113 School Act  
Supporting Safe, Secure and Caring School in Alberta (1999)  
Safety Guidelines for Physical Activity in Alberta Schools (1999)  
A Safe Place: Creating Peaceful Schools (1994)