

Accidents

Accident record keeping's basic purpose is to provide information for and support to a comprehensive safety education program for all students and school employees.

Accident reports support the safety and efficient operation of the school system as well as the protection and education of the students. In addition, careful analysis and study of the reports have far-reaching implications for building, equipment, curriculum practices and administration.

Some specific goals of the accident reporting process shall be:

1. to protect students and staff from physical deficiencies of the school buildings and grounds,
2. to measure uses of the school and grounds (such as movements of student groups during peak times and in certain areas of the school) and to modify conditions so as to reduce congestion and accidents.
3. to provide information on kinds of accidents and the areas in which they occur and to adjust safety instructions in an effort to reduce the number of further mishaps.
4. to reveal gaps in the instructional program which may be filled by well planned safety education experiences.
5. to determine relationships between accident experiences and school population, i.e., are falls caused by faulty traffic patterns during class changes, or, are a few students having problems such as coordination or vision, which cause them to be unable to cope with the traffic patterns.
6. to protect the school and school personnel from suffering unfortunate publicity and from becoming involved in litigation arising out of accident cases.

Source: This policy is based upon Jean L. Proetsch's M. Ed., thesis, "An Analysis of Accident Report Forms Used by Public School Systems," completed at the American University, Washington, D. C., in June 1965.

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

32040-32044 First aid equipment
 49300-49307 School safety patrols
 49408 Emergency information
 49409 Athletic events; physicians and surgeons;
 emergency medical care; immunity

49470 Medical and hospital services for athletic program
 49471 Medical and hospital services not provided or available
 49472 Medical and hospital services for pupils
 49474 Ambulance services
 51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety