



TITLE: STUDENT SAFETY PATROLS

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1.0 OBJECTIVE

To establish principles and directives for schools in the operation of student safety patrols.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

In this policy,

- 2.1 **Important crossing** means an intersection or other designated point at which a number of students must cross a street or road in order to walk to or from school:
- a) that is within proximity of the school; and
 - b) that has been approved in accordance with Board Procedure PR.612.SCO accompanying this policy.

3.0 POLICY

- 3.1 It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that each of their children reaches school safely. School safety patrols are student helpers. Parents must not depend on safety patrols, who could be prevented from being at their posts for a number of reasons including cold weather, illness, or lack of ability to find an approved replacement on short notice.
- 3.2 The OCDSB supports the organization of student safety patrols for important crossings.
- 3.3 Prior to organizing student safety patrols, principals should consult with the School Resource Officer (SRO), Ottawa Police Services, School Crossing Patrols; and with designated staff of the Ottawa Student Transportation Authority regarding the appropriateness and location of patrol sites.
- 3.4 Principals shall consult with their school councils when considering student safety patrols. Such issues as student maturity, safety, scheduling, important crossing locations and liability (see 4.2 below) should be discussed at that time. The decision to organize and train student safety patrols in accordance with Board Procedure

PR.612.SCO shall be made at the school level. Responsibility for the administration, operation and daily supervision of the school's safety patrol program shall rest with the principal.

4.0 SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES

- 4.1 In accordance with Board Procedure PR.612.SCO, principals shall review the Student Safety Patrol Program annually with the school's SRO and the school council, with the emphasis on safety and the appropriateness of continuing the program given the age of the students involved, the number of students involved, and any other concerns that may arise.
- 4.2 Approved, trained school safety patrols are volunteers serving their school in accordance with the school's direction, and shall be covered by the Board's insurance while carrying out their assigned duties.

5.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Board Policy P.014.SCO: School Councils
Board Policy P.032.SCO: Safe Schools
Board Policy P.067.SCO: Volunteers
Board Policy P.127.TRA: Ottawa Student Transportation Authority
Board Procedure PR.555.SCO: Volunteers
Board Procedure PR.612.SCO: Student Safety Patrols