

SCHOOL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Rule 10 (Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools), includes requirements related to school safety and security. The requirements are intended to support schools in their efforts to provide safe environments for all students and staff. The requirements are found in code section 011 - School Environment, regulations 011.01A, 011.01B, 011.01C, and 011.01D shown below. (The "Quality Indicator" is a non-regulatory statement.)



11.01 Quality Indicator: The school facilities and the general environment are safe, orderly, and supportive of quality learning for all students. A positive atmosphere for learning supports and reflects the work of students.

011.01A Each school system maintains safe, healthful, and sanitary conditions within the school building(s) and on the school grounds and meets the fire, safety, and health codes.

011.01B Each school system has a safety and security plan for the schools in the system. The plan addresses the safety and security of students, staff, and visitors. The plan is approved by the local governing body.

011.01C Each school system has a school safety and security committee which includes representatives of faculty, parents, and the community. The committee meets at least annually to prepare and/or review safety and security plans and procedures, including emergency plans and procedures.

011.01D The school system's safety and security plan(s) are reviewed annually by one or more persons not on the local school system safety committee and not an employee of the school system. This review will include a visit to school buildings to analyze plans, policies, procedures, and practices and provide recommendations. Any recommendations made as a result of the analysis are forwarded to the head administrator and to the school safety and security committee to be considered in making revisions to the plan.

The Nebraska Department of Education Accreditation staff has primary responsibility for supervision of Rule 10.

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