

POLICY #6510 FENCING OF SCHOOL GROUNDS

The fencing of school sites shall be a site specific decision, made by management either at the time a new school is built, or at such time as conditions warrant the installation of perimeter fencing, subject to the availability of funding. The following criteria shall govern decisions to install perimeter fencing on school sites:

1. Concerns for the safety and protection of students due to:
 - 1.1 A consistent high volume of traffic on a road or street adjacent to an active play area where the purpose is to protect children from uncontrolled and unsafe entrance to such road or street. Where high volume of traffic is not a factor, but concerns are raised, each case will be considered on its own merits.
 - 1.2. Unsavory surroundings, or a high volume of pedestrian traffic where the purpose is to restrict unauthorized pedestrian access to the site.
 - 1.3. Legitimate concerns about a heavily wooded area adjacent to a school site.
 - 1.4. Other hazards on or adjacent to school sites that cannot be removed.
2. Generally, fencing will not separate school and park sites, the exception being if there are concerns outlined in 1.3 above.
3. Where adjacent residents have legitimate concerns about the protection of their property due to activities occurring on school property, subject to the availability of funds, the school district will carry out the installation of fencing and pay 50% of the cost, provided the majority of adjacent property owners agree to pay 50%.
4. Fencing installed under this policy shall generally be placed on school district property lines only. Exceptions will require appropriate legal agreements.
5. Perimeter fencing will generally be 6 feet high with chain link fabric and a steel structure, installed to school district specifications.

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