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POLICY TITLE: School Safety Oversight

LEGAL AUTHORITY: FLORIDA STATUTES 1002.33, 1006.07, 1006.12, 1006.1493, 1001.212, 1012.584 and 943.082
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULES 6A-6.0790, 6A-1.0017, 6A-1.0018, 6A-1.0019, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

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1. This policy establishes the guidelines for ensuring charter school compliance with Florida school safety statutes and rules. Miami Dade College (MDC), through the Florida Charter Institute (FCI), shall maintain systems and procedures to verify, monitor, and document charter school compliance with applicable school safety requirements while preserving charter school operational autonomy. Safety oversight shall be conducted in alignment with Florida statutes, State Board of Education rules, and guidance from the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), Office of Safe Schools (OSS).

2. All charter schools sponsored by MDC will meet all applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations relating to student health, safety, welfare, and security, including the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, as amended, and all implementing statutes, rules, and guidance issued by the FDOE, the OSS, and all other applicable authorities.

3. All charter schools sponsored by MDC shall comply with the School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting Rule 6A-1.0017, F.A.C. and the School Safety Requirements and Monitoring Rule 6A-1.0018, F.A.C.

4. All charter schools sponsored by MDC shall be required to obtain and keep current all necessary permits, licenses, and certifications related to fire, health, and safety within the building and on school property.

5. MDC shall ensure that a school safety specialist annually reviews safety-related policies and procedures for compliance with state law and rules.

6. In the event that the OSS identifies a deficiency in an MDC-sponsored charter school, MDC shall ensure that there are procedures in place to address the deficiency.
7. All charter schools sponsored by MDC shall establish a policy for the presence of a safe-school officer during the school day and assignment of a safe-school officer outside of the regular school day.
8. All charter schools sponsored by MDC shall have a procedure in place to provide notification to parents of threats and unlawful acts or significant emergencies that occur on school grounds, during school transportation or during school-sponsored activities.
9. All charter schools sponsored by MDC shall adopt an independent code of student conduct.
10. All charter schools sponsored by MDC shall adopt zero-tolerance policies, as provided by Section 1006.13, Florida Statutes.
11. All charter schools sponsored by MDC shall develop policies and procedures for emergency drills and fire drills in consultation with the appropriate public safety agencies to include, at a minimum, law enforcement, fire service, and emergency management.
12. All charter schools sponsored by MDC shall adopt an active assailant response plan.
13. All charter schools sponsored by MDC shall adopt a family reunification plan to reunite students and employees with their families in the event that a school is closed or unexpectedly evacuated due to a natural or manmade disaster.
14. All charter schools sponsored by MDC shall require that student identification cards issued to students in grades 6 through 12 include telephone numbers for national or statewide crisis and suicide hotlines and text lines.
15. All charter schools sponsored by MDC shall adopt a policy prohibiting bullying and harassment of students and employees that is consistent with the Florida Department of Education's Model Policy Against Bullying and Harassment and meets all statutory requirements.
16. All charter schools sponsored by MDC shall adopt policies for the establishment of threat management teams and for the completion of threat assessments.

17. MDC shall establish a threat management team consistent with Florida law, including designating a threat management coordinator to oversee threat management at all MDC-sponsored charter schools.

18. Procedures. The Executive Director of the FCI is responsible for and authorized to adopt procedures necessary for implementing this policy.

 July 21, 2026
CHAIRMAN DATE