SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY PLANS

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN	The Superintendent shall ensure updating of the District's Emer- gency Operations Plan and ongoing staff training.
FIREARMS PURPOSE	Recognizing that District schools are located in a somewhat iso- lated area and that response from emergency first responders, in- cluding law enforcement personnel, takes a minimum of approxi- mately 30 minutes, the Board adopts the following policy to address concerns about effective and timely response to emer- gency situations at schools, including invasion of the schools by an armed outsider, hostage situations, students who are armed and posing a direct threat of physical harm to themselves or others, and similar circumstances.
AUTHORIZATION	Pursuant to its authority under Texas Penal Code 46.03(a)(1), the Board may, from time to time, authorize specific school employees to possess certain firearms on school property, at school- sponsored or school-sanctioned events, and at Board meetings. Specifically authorized individuals shall be approved by separate action of the Board. The Board shall issue written authorization to approved employees.
CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSEES	Only those school employees who have obtained and maintain a current license, in accordance with state law, to carry a concealed handgun are eligible to be authorized to possess a firearm on school property.
TRAINING	Any school employee authorized to possess a firearm on school property shall be provided additional training in crisis intervention, management of hostage situations, and other training as the Board or designee may determine necessary or appropriate.
PERMITTED AMMUNITION	Only frangible ammunition, i.e., ammunition designed to have re- duced ricochet hazard, will be permitted in firearms authorized to be on school property.