

STUDENT SAFETY IN THE WOODS

Because of the location of schools in heavily forested areas in the School District, it is important that staff and students be aware of the possibility of attack from wildlife. It is, therefore, School District policy to stress those aspects of the curriculum that educate children about safety in the woods and knowing what to do and what not to do when wildlife is encountered.

The Operations Supervisor (or designate) shall ensure:

1. Maintenance and grounds crews provide for easier student supervision and less cover for wildlife by keeping the areas near school grounds clear of underbrush. Routine brushing of student traffic areas is a part of this program and should be done in cooperation with municipalities and property owners.

School Principals shall ensure:

1. A review of outdoor safety is a part of staff meeting agendas, early in each school year and again in early spring.
2. At least once each school year parents must be reminded about this concern for child safety, and the danger of animal attacks.
3. A "Safety in the Woods" program is included as part of the elementary Health and Career Education Program in all School District schools.