

Healthy and Fit School Advisory Committee/Safe School

In accordance with state law, the Fort Towson Board of Education has established a Healthy and Fit School Advisory Committee to be composed of at least six members. The committee may include teachers, administrators, parents of students, health care professionals, and business community representative and a school official who participates in the investigation of reports of harassment, intimidation, bullying and threatening behavior. The committee will be selected not later than October 1st of each year.

The purpose of the Healthy and Fit Advisory Committee is to study and make recommendations to the school regarding:

1. Health Issues
 - A. Health Education

 - B. Physical Education and physical activity

 - C. Nutrition and health services

2. Safety Issues
 - A. Unsafe conditions, possible strategies for students to avoid harm at school, student victimization, crime prevention, school violence, and other issues that prohibit the maintenance of school safety.

 - B. Student harassment, intimidation, and bullying at school

 - C. Professional Development needs of faculty and staff to implement methods to decrease student harassment, intimidation, and bullying at school.

 - D. Methods to encourage the involvement of the community and the students, the development of individual relationships between students and staff, and use of problem solving teams that include counselors and/or school psychologists.

 - E. Policies and regulations to be revised in the light of the Department of Homeland Security threat assessment guidelines.

The committee shall meet on an as needs basis.

Responsibilities of the committee include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Make recommendations to the principal regarding health issues and services, possible strategies for the students to avoid harm, crime prevention, professional development needs for the faculty and staff concerning school safety and the student health, and methods to encourage the involvement of the community members and the students.
2. Review traditional and accepted harassment and intimidation and bullying programs utilized by other states and agencies or school districts. If the district implements a commercial bullying program, it shall use a program listed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.
3. Review the district's current safety policies and regulations and make recommendations to the administration regarding any changes needed to the Department of Homeland Security threat assessment level and required or proposed actions.

REFERENCE: 70 O.S. 24-100a
70 O.S. 24-100b