

- June 2004 Safe Schools Charter given royal assent.
- May 2005 Safe Schools Charter regulations approved, giving schools and School divisions' specific responsibilities.

To learn more about what the law in Manitoba states, the following website will help you. The Public Schools Act may be viewed and downloaded from http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/p250_2e.php

Public Schools Act: under Duties of School Board Section 41(1) (b.1) ensure that each pupil enrolled in a school within the jurisdiction of the school board is provided with a safe and caring school environment that fosters and maintains respectful and responsible behaviors *AND* Public Schools Act: under Safe Schools Section 47.1(1) Codes of conduct and emergency response plans (read this to find out what they must include).

The Safe Schools Regulation may be viewed and downloaded from <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/pdf/eoio-077.05.pdf>.

Some highlights: (go to the site to view the full regulation):

1. In each school year, a safe school advisory committee must be established or designated by the principal of each school.
2. The safe school advisory committee is to consist of the following members: the principal/, a teacher from the school, selected by the teachers of the school/a parent of a pupil attending the school, appointed by the principal in accordance with section 3/in schools with S1-S4 grades that have a student council, the president or another member appointed by the student council.
3. The parent member of the schools safe school advisory committee must be the nominee of a) the schools ACSL or PAC...
4. If the school does not have an organized parent group, the school principal must a) issue a public invitation to the parents of the pupils attending the school b) appoint the parent representative from among those parents who express an interest in serving on the committee
5. The principal is responsible for calling meetings of the safe school advisory committee and for ensuring that a record of the proceedings is kept.
6. The principal must ensure that the content and expectations of the school's code of conduct is communicated to all members of the school community, including pupils, teachers and parents...



The Safe Schools movement across Canada and North America has created an abundance of resources on the web. Mb Education and Training has also created support documents for schools. To view some of these go to www.edu.gov.mb.ca OR www.gov.mb.ca/stopbullying/links.html OR go to www.safeschoolsmanitoba.ca.

Access via internet is available at your local schools or phone MAPC office for assistance with any of the above resources. If you have any other sites to suggest, please let us know.