

# SECTION VIII:

## Health and Safety

### STANDARD 8:

The School Maintains a Safe and Healthy Environment.

### OVERVIEW:

List significant changes that have been made by your school in this area during its previous accreditation cycle.

- During the day, the only doors unlocked are the main entrance doors.
- With the new security system, cameras are located at all entrance doors and are monitored by the secretary.
- All visitors need to wear a name tag and to sign in with the secretary.
- All staff wear identification badges during school hours.
- Classroom doors are locked when the class leaves the room.
- All toxic substances are locked.
- All full-time staff, including the secretary are certified in CPR.
- Every classroom has a first-aid kit.
- County Road 101 has an extra large pedestrian crossing and the speed limit has been lowered to 30 mph when children are present.
- We separate the students who are being picked up by parents with those students being bussed to avoid congestion and confusion.
- The main parking lot adjacent to the school helps reduce pedestrians crossing County Road 101.
- According to Minnesota State law, students in grades 1, 3, and 5 have their vision and hearing tested every year. Students in other grades are tested as needed.

### REQUIRED INDICATOR OF SUCCESS:

Indicate whether or not the school meets the required indicator of success by circling **Yes** or **No**.

Yes NO \*8:01 There is compliance with all federal, state, and local health and safety regulations that pertain to the following topics: emergency evacuation drills (e.g. fire, flood, tornado, earthquake); reporting of suspected child abuse; reporting communicable disease and transferable infections; maintaining health records for students and staff; dispensing medicines; building inspections; posting emergency fire, police, ambulance contact phone numbers; labeling and storing toxic chemicals; transportation; food service.

### GENERAL INDICATORS OF SUCCESS:

8:02 Crossing guards, lanes and school speed zones are provided where needed.

X Met in Full (3) \_\_\_ Mostly Met (2) \_\_\_ Rarely Met (1) \_\_\_ Not Presently Met (0) 3

COMMENTS: An extra large pedestrian crossing has been made across County Road 101, and the speed limit was lowered to 30 mph when children are present. Parents are allowed to escort children across County Road 101. At the end of the day, the students are dismissed in the north parking lot adjacent to the school. All teachers are supervising the dismissal.

8:03 A safe, carefully supervised procedure for loading and unloading students in cars, buses, and other vehicles is in effect.

X Met in Full (3) \_\_\_ Mostly Met (2) \_\_\_ Rarely Met (1) \_\_\_ Not Presently Met (0) 3

COMMENTS: Safety of the students is a top priority at St. John's. All teachers help in the supervising of loading and unloading students.

8:04 Where possible, annual vision and hearing tests are conducted.

X Met in Full (3) \_\_\_ Mostly Met (2) \_\_\_ Rarely Met (1) \_\_\_ Not Presently Met (0) 3

COMMENTS: All students in grades first, third, and fifth have their vision and hearing tested every year by our nurse. Students in other grades are tested as needed.

8:05 First aid supplies are available and readily accessible to authorized personnel.

X Met in Full (3) \_\_\_ Mostly Met (2) \_\_\_ Rarely Met (1) \_\_\_ Not Presently Met (0) 3

COMMENTS: All classrooms have a first-aid kit. The nurse's station has refills. The nurse's station is fully equipped. Also, first-aid kits are available for recess and after school sports.

8:06 Students and teachers observe proper safety precautions when working with special materials, tools, and equipment.

X Met in Full (3) \_\_\_ Mostly Met (2) \_\_\_ Rarely Met (1) \_\_\_ Not Presently Met (0) 3

COMMENTS: Safety precautions are observed when working with special materials, tools, and equipment. Sometimes extra adults are called in to help supervise.

8:07 Care is taken to ensure cleanliness while meals or snacks are eaten.

X Met in Full (3) \_\_\_ Mostly Met (2) \_\_\_ Rarely Met (1) \_\_\_ Not Presently Met (0) 3

COMMENTS: Students wash hands before and after meals. Tables are cleaned after each classroom eats. Cafeteria floors are cleaned each day.

## ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- A. Is the REQUIRED Indicator of Success complete and available for review? Yes
- B. What is your GENERAL Indicators of Success point total for Standard 8? 18
- C. Is the total for the GENERAL Indicators of Success a minimum of 12 points? Yes
- D. Have you provided comments or explanation for proposed actions to meet any of the GENERAL Indicators of Success that have not been fully met? Yes