

Teachers

The first responsibility of the teacher is the care and instruction of his/her students. This principle is the point of departure for all rules directing the teacher's activities. Both legally and morally, the teacher takes the place of the parent while the student is in the classroom. Therefore, the teacher must maintain such classroom practices and conditions as will promote mental and physical health and create a safe environment for students.

It is the teacher's responsibility to see that all pupils in the classroom know the general safety precautions with regard to fire drills and other emergency situations. In case of accident or illness of any student, the teacher must report the case immediately to the principal so that proper care for the student may be insured.

It is required that the teacher keep professionally alert so that advantages may accrue to his/her students. The teacher should participate in the in-service training program and professional meetings of his/her school and state. He/she should be familiar with state and local curriculum guides, textbooks, and curriculum planning and development in his/her school.

Every teacher must continually be a developer of worthy citizens. The American public school is unique in civilization's history, existing solely for the purpose of providing an educated citizenry to insure the permanence and well-being of our plan for democratic living. Desirable teaching is conducive to the perpetuation of our idea of the American way of life, carrying a legal and moral responsibility.

Teachers shall have received a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university and be properly certified or licensed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.