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The Facts About...School Safety

Source:
U.S. Dept. of Education

The Challenge: All children need a safe environment in which to learn and achieve.

The Solution: Ensure a safe and orderly school by implementing programs that protect students and teachers.

WHY NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND WILL MAKE SCHOOLS SAFER AND DRUG FREE

Encourages laws on the books to be aggressively enforced.

No child can learn in a climate of fear. That means working with communities so every level of government is looking out for child safety.

Requires states to report on school safety to the public.

NCLB encourages schools to work closely with law enforcement and the community to keep the learning environment safe by enforcing truancy, suspension and expulsion policies and criminal laws.

Protects teachers so they can teach and maintain order.

The law protects teachers, principals and other school professionals from frivolous litigation when they take reasonable actions to maintain order and discipline in the classroom.

Anticipates the potential for violence in schools.

Violence prevention programs must meet specified principles of effectiveness and be grounded in scientifically based research that provides evidence that programs will reduce violence and illegal drug use.

Provides a mechanism for students to leave chronically dangerous schools.

NCLB requires schools to implement a statewide policy giving students the choice to attend a safe public school within the district if he attends a persistently dangerous school or becomes a victim of a violent crime on the grounds of a school the student attends.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

(Source: U.S. Department of Education, www.ed.gov)

BE A POSITIVE FORCE IN HELPING YOUR CHILD LEARN MATH

Although you can't **make** your child like math, you can encourage him/her to do so, and you can take steps to ensure that he/she learns to appreciate its value both in everyday life and in preparing for the future.

Don't undermine your child's math ability and attitudes by saying things such as: "Math is hard," or "I'm not surprised you don't do well in math, I didn't like math either when I was in school," or "I wasn't very good in math and I'm a success, so don't worry about doing well."

You might point out to your child how fortunate he/she is to have an opportunity to learn mathematics today - when mathematics knowledge can open the door to so many interesting and exciting possibilities.

For additional information about this, log onto the website: www.ed.gov, and follow this path: *Parents - Helping Your Child - Helping Your Child Learn Mathematics.*

For additional information about NCLB, try the following websites: nclb.gov or www.pde.state.pa.us