Millwood Public Schools **6724 Martin L. King** **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**	**Policy: J-37** **Adopted: 9/8/08** **Revised:**

Safe and Healthy Schools

The Millwood Board of Education believes that the schools, in partnership with families and communities, share a duty to sustain safe and healthy environments for students, employees and visitors of the district. It is further believed that schools must do all they can to promote student health and well-being if Millwood's academic achievement goals are to be realistically attained. Schools cannot achieve their primary mission of education if students and staff are not physically, mentally and socially healthy**.**

Therefore, in compliance with state law and district policy, each school site will establish a Safe and Healthy School Committee. The Committee will be composed of at least seven (7) members. There will be an equal number of teachers, parents of students, students and a school official who participates in the investigation of reports of harassment, intimidation, bullying, and threatening behavior as required by the School Bullying Prevention Act.

This single committee will perform the functions of both the Healthy and Fit School Advisory Committee and the Safe School Committee. The Committee will be selected by October 1 of each school year and meet at least one time per semester.

The Committee will study and make written recommendations to the principal regarding:

A. <u>Safety Issues</u>

1. Unsafe conditions, possible strategies for students to avoid harm at school, student victimization, crime prevention, school violence, and other issues which prohibit the maintenance of a safe school;
2. Student harassment, intimidation, and bullying at school;
3. Professional development needs of faculty and staff to implement methods to decrease student harassment, intimidation, and bullying; and

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

B. Healthy Issues

1. Health education
2. Physical education and physical activity; and
3. Nutrition and health services.

The principal is to review Committee recommendations. If the principal determines that a recommendation should not be followed or that it goes beyond the scope of a building-level decision, the recommendation is to be presented and discussed with the superintendent.

The principal is to forward a copy of the site Committee's report to the superintendent or designee. The reports may be examined during administrative meetings and serve as a source of input for the review and revision of district plans and procedures as well as recommendations for policy or specific Board action.

Reference:	Senate Bill 1627	2004 Legislative Session
	Senate Bill 1949	2008 Legislative Session
	70 O.S. 24-100.3; 70 O.S. 24-100.4	
Cross Reference:	Board Policy J-35, Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment	