Policy

It is the policy of Independent School District 191 (ISD 191) to maintain its indoor and outdoor bleachers so as to ensure the safety of all persons who use the bleachers and to do so in accordance with all applicable statutes, laws, rules and guidelines that may from time to time be promulgated by the U. S. Federal Government and its agencies, the State of Minnesota and its agencies including the Minnesota Department of Education and other jurisdictions that may have authority to do so.

Responsibilities
The following are responsibilities of ISD 191 individuals with respect to the district’s Bleacher Safety Management Program: They include the Director, Health and Safety, Operations and Properties.
• Develop specific policies and procedures pertaining to the maintenance and repair of bleachers.
• Maintain a record of bleacher certification tests.
• Assure understanding of the requirements of applicable laws, rules and regulations relating to bleacher safety, specifically the requirements of Minnesota Statute 16B.616.
• Periodically review the effectiveness of the program and the accuracy and applicability of this written management plan and update as appropriate.

Director of Operations and Properties:
• Schedule and perform or obtain the performance of periodic inspections of all indoor and outdoor bleacher systems.
• Assure the timely scheduling and completion of any required repairs or maintenance that may be required to ensure bleacher safety and compliance as described in this written plan.
• Obtain and file all required written records of bleacher safety inspections and certifications.
• Review and approve maintenance management plan updates.
• Plan, document and obtain budget authorization for required maintenance and replacement of bleacher systems.

Health and Safety
• Conduct training on the elements of this management plan for ISD 191 employees that have responsibilities under this plan.
• Annually review and offer updates to this plan where appropriate. Updates may occur:
  • If changes occur in statutory or governmental directives regarding bleacher safety.
  • When changes occur to related procedures.
  • When facility operational changes occur.
  • When there is an incident or accident that relates to this area of safety.
• Assist in the periodic inspection of bleachers and assess compliance with applicable laws, rules, etc. as described herein.
• Maintain a record of inspections and certifications records.
• Periodically review the effectiveness of the program.