

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: STANDARDS FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES

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DEER LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT

144. STANDARDS FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES

- 1. Purpose
Title 22
Sec. 403.6
20 U.S.C.
Sec. 7912

The Pennsylvania Department of Education, as required by the Unsafe School Choice Option provision of the No Child Left Behind Act (Section 9532), hereby adopts the following standards for a student who becomes a victim of a violent criminal offense while in or on the grounds of the public elementary or secondary school that s/he attends.

- 2. Definitions
Title 22
Sec. 403.2

As used in these standards, the following terms shall be defined as provided herein:

Local Educational Agency or LEA - shall include a school district, an area vocational-technical school, an intermediate unit or a charter school.

Safe public school - shall mean a public school that has not been designated as a persistently dangerous school under the standards for identifying persistently dangerous schools or that has had such designation removed by the Department.

Victim or student victim - shall mean the student against whom a violent criminal offense has been perpetrated while the student was in or on the grounds of the public elementary or secondary school that s/he attends.

Violent criminal offense - is defined as any of the following offenses that are set forth in Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes:

- 1. Kidnapping.
- 2. Robbery.
- 3. Aggravated assault (on the student).
- 4. Rape.
- 5. Involuntary deviate sexual intercourse.

- 5. To the extent possible, the LEA should allow the student to transfer to a school that is making adequate yearly progress, and one that is not identified as being in school improvement, corrective action, or restructuring.**
- 6. A charter school only has to accept a student who meets its admission criteria if space is available.**
- 7. If there is not another safe school within the LEA to which students may transfer, the LEA is encouraged, but not required, to establish an agreement with a neighboring LEA to accept the transfer of students.**

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 2603-B

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 403.1, 403.2, 403.6

No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7912