

**ADOPT NEW POLICY ON AQUATIC ACTIVITY SAFETY**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

**PURPOSE:**

All high schools and several elementary and middle schools have swimming pools and offer instruction in swimming and diving. In addition, these schools also may offer extracurricular aquatic

The following provisions shall pertain to lifeguards working at CPS pool facilities:

1. All lifeguards must possess a current lifeguarding certificate or license issued by

the American Red Cross, the National Pool and Water Park Training Program, the YMCA, or other entity acceptable to the Illinois Department of Public Health, a copy of which certificate or license must be available for inspection in or near the pool area; and

2. All lifeguards must be certified in CPR and first aid.

**C. WATER SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

Aquatic activities shall not be conducted at any pool, owned, leased, or used by the Board in Illinois, unless safety equipment complying with the Illinois Department of Public Health's Rules on Swimming Pools [77 Ill. Adm. Code 820.310] is readily available for emergency use at all times the pool is open for use. This includes, at a minimum:

1. Rescue Equipment

- a. U.S. Coast Guard-approved ring buoy with an attached throw rope with a

whichever is less. One such buoy must be provided for every 2000 square feet of water surface area.

- b. A life hook or shephard's crook at least 12 feet in length.

2. First Aid Kit

One or more first aid kits, each containing:

- a. 2 – 3" Bandage Compresses;
- b. 2 – Eye Dressing Packages;
- c. 1 – Scissors;
- d. 1 – Tweezers;
- e. 1 – 1" Adhesive Tape roll;
- f. 1 – Box Adhesive Bandage Strips of Various Sizes, Antiseptic;
- g. 2 – Pairs of Latex Gloves;
- h. 1 – CPR Barrier Shield.

4. Lifeguard Stations

Lifeguard stations must be located so as to provide a clear unobstructed view of the pool area under surveillance.

5. Buoyed Safety Ropes

The buoyed safety rope with colored buoys required by the Illinois Department of Public Health's Rules [77 Ill. Adm. Code 820.200(g)] should be deployed whenever the pool is open for use unless buoyed safety-rope lane-markers are in place.

6. Posted Pool Rules

DSA shall promulgate rules governing the use of pools, consistent with the Illinois Department of Public Health's Rules. These rules must be posted in the pool area at all times the pool is in use.

7. Review of Pool Safety Equipment Rules

DSA shall review annually the Illinois Department of Public Health's Rules governing pool safety equipment and promptly recommend appropriate changes

II. STUDENT TRAVEL AND AQUATIC ACTIVITIES

No aquatic activities may be conducted at any out-of-town pool or other water facility unless the