

## CCSB Policy 6GX-10-4.63 Discussion Agenda - 07/17/08 - Public Hearing

### 4.63 LIGHTNING SAFETY AND PROTECTION

Lightning is universally recognized as a dangerous phenomenon which is particularly common in Florida. Athletic teams and organizations which practice, perform and compete outdoors are at great risk of injury due to lightning strike during inclement weather. The creation and district-wide implementation of appropriate standardized lightning safety procedures which include, in addition to the use of the "flash and bang" method of lightning detection, the mandatory uniform use of electronic lightning detection devices during outdoor athletic events and practices would greatly reduce the likelihood of lightning caused injury or death of athletic event participants.

The Superintendent, or his/her designee, shall draft guidelines which set forth lightning safety and protection procedures for outdoor events. These guidelines shall set forth mandatory minimum procedures to be followed for the protection of students and student participants at outdoor practices, performances and competitions and the selection and use of electronic lightning detection devices. The guidelines shall be put into routine practice at every school in the school district. The guidelines shall be updated annually prior to the beginning of the new school year.

(Ref. F.S. 1001.42)(Adopted: 00/00/00)