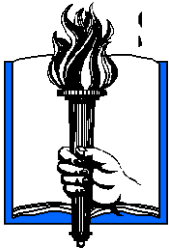


**MURFREESBORO CITY SCHOOLS
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVES**



Descriptor Term: Mowing and Weed Eating on Campus	Descriptor No: AD BO7	Effective Date: 9/97
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2 To maintain the highest level of safety possible when mowing the grass and/or using weed
3 eaters, the following guidelines are to be followed:
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- 5 1. Mower operators are to mow three rounds around the larger areas in a direction which
6 throws the cut grass back in to the field being cut. This keeps the cuttings from being
7 thrown onto the street, sidewalks, and buildings. This also helps keep rocks and other
8 debris from hitting vehicles parked along the area.
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- 10 2. The drop down deflectors that are mounted on the exhaust shoots of the mower decks are
11 to be in the closed position at all times in and around all parking lots, buildings, and
12 playgrounds for overall protection. *They are to be open only in the wide-open fields
13 away from students, staff, and structures.
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- 15 3. If children or adults come closer than 100 feet of the mower, the operator is to stop, shut
16 down the mower blades, and let the yard crew supervisor know of the situation. If the
17 children cannot be moved to another area or the operator cannot move to another area,
18 load the equipment and move to another school.
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- 20 4. Do not mow or weed eat when grass or debris will be thrown against cars or toward
21 windows of the school.
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- 23 5. Do not get into any confrontation with children or teachers.
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- 25 6. The maintenance supervisor or yard crew supervisor is to inform each school of the
26 mowing schedule by phone 1/2 day before mowing is scheduled. This allows cars to be
27 moved back from the islands to reduce the chance of damage from thrown debris.
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29 **NOTE:** Any employee of MCS operating any piece of equipment in a manner, which endangers
30 children, teachers, or personal property, is subject to immediate termination.
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32 Related Board Policy: 3.200