

COMMON SENSE GUIDELINES

For
Parents, Teachers, Students, Mentors/Coaches and Volunteers
Participating in SA BEST

PURPOSE: for the protection of parents, teachers, students, mentors/coaches and volunteers participating in San Antonio Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology (SA BEST).

1. Teachers are schooled in proper procedures for maintaining good and safe order while educating students. Therefore, teachers will be the primary focus for maintaining and safeguarding the well being of students participating in SA BEST activities.
2. Teachers will acquire their principal's approval for students to participate in SA BEST.
3. Teachers will inform parents about SA BEST and will acquire and retain school approved permission slips signed by parents for each student to participate in SA BEST. Permission slips must approve transportation to and from various activities and include students participating in competitions where an overnight stay may be elected. (Note 2.)
4. Teachers will initiate and maintain a "Contract" committing teachers, mentors and students to comply with their team's commitments. (Note 1.)
5. Teachers will ensure all participating parents, students, mentor/coaches and adult volunteers have read and understand these Common Sense Guidelines.
6. Teachers must ensure students are instructed on the proper use of potentially dangerous power tools and the proper use of personal protective equipment (e.g., goggles, ear plugs, etc.) when in the shop area. Adults will closely monitor students while using power tools.
7. Teachers will have a school approved emergency plan in place, in the event of an accident. (Note 2.)
8. Teachers will periodically instruct students on safety and emergency plans.
9. Students transported from school grounds must be returned to school grounds. Students will not be returned to school grounds without prior arrangements for transportation home.
10. Adult mentors/coaches will not be alone with less than two students. Mentors/coaches, volunteers and students must always work as a group.

SA BEST does not perform background checks on teachers, mentors or others participants. Teachers should follow the school district policies regarding the involvement of adult volunteers with their team.

Notes:

1. Available on the SA BEST web page (www.sabest.org) under Files.
2. Requires teacher development.