

School Board of Brevard County

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Mark J. Rendell, Ed.D., Superintendent



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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Principals

FROM: Mollie Vega, Director *MV*
Secondary Programs, Curriculum & Instruction

RE: **State Statute 1003.225 Water Safety and Swimming Certification**

State Statute 1003.225 Water Safety and Swimming Certification requires that, beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, each public school shall provide to a parent, who initially enrolls his or her child in the school, information on the important role water safety education courses and swimming lessons play in saving lives. The information must be provided electronically or in hard copy and must include local options for age-appropriate water safety courses and swimming lessons that result in a certificate indicating successful completion, including courses and lessons offered for free or at a reduced price. If a student is 18 years of age or older or is under the age of 21 and is enrolling in adult education classes, the information must be provided to the student.

Attached is a document that includes the state statute language as well as information and links for water safety and swimming certification. This information must be provided to your newly enrolled students. Please have this information available in hard copy and post it on your school website.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Danielle O'Reilly at (321) 633-1000, ext. 11387, or Oreilly.Danielle@BrevardSchools.org.

Thank you.

Approved: *Tara Harris*
Tara Harris, Assistant Superintendent
Curriculum & Instruction

Attachment

pc: Danielle O'Reilly

Mollie Vega, Director
Secondary Programs, Curriculum & Instruction
Phone: (321) 633-1000, ext. 11310





WATER SAFETY & SWIMMING CERTIFICATION

1003.225 Water safety and swimming certification.—(1) For the purposes of this section, the term “water safety” means age-appropriate education intended to promote safety in, on, and around bodies of water and reduce the risk of injury or drowning.(2) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, each public school shall provide, to a parent who initially enrolls his or her child in the school, information on the important role water safety education courses and swimming lessons play in saving lives. The information must be provided electronically or in hard copy and must include local options for age-appropriate water safety courses and swimming lessons that result in a certificate indicating successful completion, including courses and lessons offered for free or at a reduced price. If the student is 18 years of age or older, or is under the age of 21 and is enrolling in adult education classes, the information must be provided to the student. History.—s. 9, ch. 2021-35.



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Water Safety Links

Brevard County Fire Rescue: Water Safety- <http://www.brevardfl.gov/FireRescue/EducationAndFAQ/WaterSafetyTips>

Brevard County Ocean Rescue- <http://www.brevardfl.gov/FireRescue/OceanRescueServices>

Brevard Health Alliance Drowning Prevention Tips- <https://brevardhealth.org/drowning-prevention-tips/>

Nemours Kids Water Safety- <https://www.kidshealth.org/en/kids/swim.html>

Nemours Pool Safety for Parents- <https://www.kidshealth.org/en/parents/water-safety-pools.html#catoutdoor>

Nemours Water Safety for Parents- <https://www.kidshealth.org/en/parents/water-safety.html#catoutdoor>

Nemours Preventing Drowning - <https://www.kidshealth.org/en/parents/safety-drowning.html#catoutdoor>

Safe Kids Worldwide Swimming Safety Tips- <https://www.safekids.org/tip/swimming-safety-tips>

American Red Cross Water Safety Info- <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/water-safety.html>

Pool Safely- <https://www.poolsafely.gov/>

Swim Safe Forever- <https://www.swimsafeforever.org/water-safety>

Shallow Water Blackout Prevention- <http://www.shallowwaterblackoutprevention.org/>

Local Public & Private Swim Instructors

Brevard Swim Club- <http://www.brevardswimclub.com/>

Swim Safe Now- <https://swimsafenow.com/>

YMCA Swim Classes- <https://ymcaof.org/programs/aquatics/lessons/>

Brevard County Parks & Rec Aquatics Information- <https://brevardfl.gov/ParksAndRecreation/Centers>

Florida Tech Panther Aquatic Center- <https://www.fit.edu/clemente-center/panther-aquatic-center/aquatic-programming/>

321 Swim Academy- <https://321swimacademy.wordpress.com/>

JDS Aquatics- <https://jdsaquatics.com/>

British Swim School Space Coast- <https://britishswimschool.com/spacecoast/>

AquaMobile - <https://aquamobileswim.com/l/private-swimming-lessons-brevard-county-fl/>

Early Learning Swim- <https://earlylearningswim.com/>

Local County Pools-

Cocoa Beach Aquatic Center
4800 Tom Warriner Boulevard
P.O. Box 322430
Cocoa Beach, FL 32932-2430
<https://www.cityofcocoabeach.com/415/Aquatic-Center>

City of Melbourne Pools- <https://www.melbourneflorida.org/departments/parks-recreation/pools>

Fee Avenue Park Pool
1609 Babcock St, Melbourne, FL, 32901

Gleason Park Pool
1233 Yacht Club Blvd, Indian Harbour Beach, FL, 32937

John Lee Smith Park Pool
419 Washington Ave, Cocoa, FL, 32922

Lipscomb Pool
3400 Monroe St, Melbourne, FL 32901

McLarty Park Pool
790 Barton Blvd, Rockledge, FL, 32955

Sherwood Pool
2479 Post Rd, Melbourne, FL 32935

Palm Bay Aquatic Center
420 Community College Pkwy SE, Palm Bay, FL 32909