

6.14 Elevators and Lifts

The School Board of the City of Richmond supports the view that persons with disabilities have equal access to all programs, services, and activities within Richmond City Public Schools. To that end, elevators and lifts within school buildings have been constructed to facilitate that goal. The following policy is applicable to all schools having elevators and lifts:

- a. Elevators and lifts are to be fully operable and unlocked during normal hours of operation of the facility and during all public functions.
- b. (Applicable to Elevators Only) Where warranted by documented incidents of abuse as related to the use of the elevator, the school principal has discretion to implement a system for use of the elevator with a key, which is to be readily accessible whenever the building is in use. The division superintendent shall establish procedures for the use of keys to access elevators within a Richmond Public Schools building.
- c. Richmond Public Schools is committed to repairing any deficiencies related to elevators/lifts, including equipment malfunctions expeditiously. Whenever the elevator/lift within the school is inoperable, the school shall have alternative measures in place to ensure that access to services, programs and activities is not interrupted.

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