

# WIS Swimming Pool Safety Policy

While the pool at WIS creates many opportunities for the learning and development of our students, if not used correctly, it also constitutes a significant risk to health and safety. To reduce risk, the following will be followed:

1. The pool will only be unlocked when a responsible party is within the perimeter fence.
2. If at any time the responsible party leaves the perimeter fence, even briefly, the gate must be relocked.
3. For students to enter the perimeter fence:
  - a. a trained lifeguard must be present.
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  - b. the student must wear a WIS approved personal flotation device (PFD)\*\*\* and be accompanied by a ratio of students to teacher/staff less than or equal to 5:1 of which at least one staff/teacher must be trained in CPR.
4. All pool chemicals and cleaning equipment will be safely and securely stored when not in use.
5. When not in use all flotation devices will be stored as per the manufacturer's instructions and inspected each semester for excessive wear.
6. The swim area will maintain a dedicated first aid kit.
7. Running is prohibited within the pool perimeter fence.
8. Diving is prohibited unless specifically told to do so by the instructor.
9. Flips are prohibited.
10. Objects and materials not specifically approved by the responsible staff are prohibited.
11. All students should be trained to move immediately to the edge of the pool and exit when possible when a certain command is given.
12. If a student is in need of assistance, the instructor will give this command while moving to aid the student in need. If the student is coughing up water but still conscious, the parents will be notified and encouraged to seek additional medical attention.
13. If a student is no longer conscious, trained staff will perform resuscitation while others contact emergency medical services and the student's parents.

\*\*\*Approved personal flotation devices (PFD) will:

1. Clearly display the approved weight range of the device which the student falls into.
2. Have a rescue loop attached to the shoulders behind the head.
3. Fit snugly around the torso.
4. Have 1 or more straps that pass between the legs.

PFDs will be inspected and approved by WIS staff before a student is permitted to use it.