

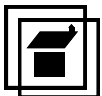
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### R 8140 ENROLLMENT ACCOUNTING

#### A. School Enrollment

1. The enrollment in a class, a school, or the district shall be the total number of original entries plus the number of re-entries, less the number of transfers, withdrawals or dropouts in any such unit during a school year. The total number of original entries and re-entries, less the number of transfers, withdrawals or dropouts, in all the classes of the district shall constitute the school enrollment for the school district during any school year.
2. No student attending a school operated by this district shall be enrolled in more than one school register in the school district during a school year. All students shall be enrolled as of the first day of attendance for that year.
3. No student shall be enrolled in a school register until the student has reached the following legal school age:
  - a. Kindergarten - more than four years and less than six years;
  - b. Day school - more than five years; or
  - c. Preschool disabled - more than three years and less than five years.
4. Within ten days of the start of the school year, the district shall determine whether any re-entering student who has not attended school that year has an excused absence or has transferred, withdrawn, or dropped out of the school district.
5. Any student enrolled in a school register in a school district who moves to another school district in the same school year shall be enrolled in one register in the new school district upon entering school in that school district.
6. The average daily enrollment in the district for a school year shall be the sum of the days present and absent of all enrolled students when school was in session during the year, divided by the number of days school was actually in session. The average daily enrollment for the classes of the district having varying lengths of terms shall be the sum of the average daily enrollments obtained for the individual classes.
7. The average daily attendance in the district for a school year shall be the sum of the days present of all enrolled students when school was in session during the year, divided by the number of days school was actually in session. The average daily attendance for the classes of the district having varying lengths of terms shall be the sum of the average daily attendance obtained for the individual classes.



### B. Application for State School Aid

Pursuant to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-33, the district shall file with the Commissioner of Education an Application for State School Aid in accordance with the following procedures:

#### 1. Counting Procedure

- a. Each employee responsible for the maintenance and safe keeping of a school register (and whose name appears on the cover of the register) shall conduct a count of the students entered in the register on the last school day prior to October 16.
- b. The count shall include all students who have attended school since the beginning of the school year, by original entry or reentry, and shall exclude all students who have been removed from the register by transfer or dropout.
- c. The count shall be recorded on a form, and the form shall be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent no later than October 16.

#### 2. Data Collection

- a. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall assign responsibility for the preparation of worksheets to document the compilation of register data.
- b. Completed worksheets shall be submitted to the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary who shall compare the data submitted on the worksheets to the register count submitted in accordance with B.1.a.
- c. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall reconcile all inconsistencies between worksheet data and register counts and submit final enrollment counts to the County Department of Education no later than required by law.

#### 3. Application Submission

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary or designee shall complete the Application for State School Aid and submit the application to the Superintendent for approval.

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## R 8220 SCHOOL CLOSINGS

The following procedures will govern the unscheduled closing of school for the entire school day, the delayed opening of school, and the early closing of school. No single set of rules can anticipate the problems that may be encountered when schools must be closed, and the Building Principal may be required to exercise independent judgment in individual circumstances. Any consequent deviation from these rules shall be approved by the Superintendent.

### A. Notification Provisions

1. The Superintendent or designee shall notify media outlets and/or activate an emergency call system when a decision is made for an unscheduled closing of school for the entire school day, the delayed opening of school, or the early closing of school. The media outlets may include, but not be limited to, radio, television stations, and internet websites as listed below:

Channel Six Action News (ABC)

District's Global Connect telephone chain

Commercial Township district website

2. Parent(s) will be notified at the beginning of each school year that they will be notified of an emergency school closing day by means of announcements over the media outlets listed above.

### B. All Day Closing

1. The decision to close the school for the day will be made in accordance with Policy 8220. As soon as the decision is made, the Superintendent or designee will promptly notify:
  - a. The media outlets identified in A.1. above;
  - b. All school staff members;
  - c. Local police department;
  - d. Board of Education President; and
  - e. Any other individuals or organizations the Superintendent or designee determines the need to be notified.



2. Notwithstanding a provision in a collective bargaining agreement, if applicable, unless the Superintendent determines otherwise, school office personnel and custodial personnel are expected to report for work on an emergency closed day.
- C. Delayed Opening
1. The decision to delay the opening of school will be made as soon as practicable. Notice of the delayed opening will be given in accordance with B. above.
  2. Notwithstanding a provision in a collective bargaining agreement, unless the Superintendent determines otherwise, school office personnel and custodial personnel are expected to report to work on time if the opening of school is delayed.
  3. If weather conditions change after a delayed opening has been announced, the Superintendent may decide to close the school for the day. This decision will be made as soon as practicable. Notice of the closing of the school for the day will be given in accordance with B.1. above.
  4. The Principal will modify the school's schedule to accommodate the shorter day. After-school and athletic events may be canceled.
- D. Early Dismissal
1. The decision by the Superintendent or designee to close school early will be promptly relayed to the media outlets, school staff members, and the people or organizations listed in B.1. above.
  2. The Principal in the affected school will promptly notify all school staff members of the early closing, using appropriate building procedures.
  3. Parents may be notified of an early dismissal through an emergency call system, district or school website, a telephone communication chain, or any other method or process deemed appropriate.
  4. A parent may come to the school and sign out his/her child at any time after the decision to close early has been made. Any removal of a child must be in strict accordance with Policy and Regulation 5230 regarding the person(s) to whom a child may be released.



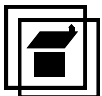
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5. The Principal may designate a safe and secure location in the school building to which may be assigned students whose parent or temporary caretaker could not be reached by telephone or other means or the student was unable to be released from school early for good reason.
  - a. A teaching staff member will be assigned to supervise the students who remain in the school.

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## R 8310 PUBLIC RECORDS

### A. Definitions (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1)

"Board" means the Commercial Township Board of Education, school staff, including members of the administration, and any persons acting on behalf of the Board of Education.

"Public agency" or "agency" means any of the principal departments in the Executive Branch of State Government, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or created by such department; the Legislature of the State and any office, board, bureau or commission within or created by the Legislative Branch; and any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality, or agency. The terms also mean any political subdivision of the State or combination of political subdivisions, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or created by a political subdivision of the State or combination of political subdivisions, and any independent authority, commission, instrumentality, or agency created by a political subdivision or combination of political subdivisions.

"Custodian of a government record" or "custodian" is the officer officially designated by formal action of the Board of Education.

### B. Government Record or Record (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1)

1. Any paper, written or printed book, document, drawing, map, plan, photograph, microfilm, data processed or image processed document, information stored or maintained electronically or by sound-recording or in a similar device, or any copy thereof, that has been made, maintained or kept on file in the course of his or its official business of the Board of Education or that has been received in the course of his or its official business of the Board of Education.
2. A "government record" or "record" does not include inter-agency or intra-agency advisory, consultative, or deliberative material.
3. A "government record" or "record" does not include excluded information as outlined in N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1. The excluded information includes, but is not limited to, the following information which is deemed to be confidential as per N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.:
  - a. Victims' records, except that a victim of a crime shall have access to the victim's own records;



- b. Trade secrets and proprietary commercial or financial information obtained from any source. Trade secrets shall include data processing software obtained by the school under a licensing agreement which prohibits its disclosure;
- c. Any record within the attorney-client privilege. This will not be construed as exempting from access attorney or consultant bills or invoices except that such bills or invoices may be redacted to remove any information protected by the attorney-client privilege;
- d. Administrative or technical information regarding computer hardware, software and networks that, if disclosed, would jeopardize computer security;
- e. Emergency or security information or procedures for any building or facility that, if disclosed, would jeopardize security of the building or facility or persons therein;
- f. Security measures and surveillance techniques that, if disclosed, would create a risk to the safety of persons, property, electronic data or software;
- g. Information that, if disclosed, would give an advantage to competitors or bidders;
- h. Information generated by or on behalf of the Board or Board employees in connection with any sexual harassment complaint filed with the Board or with any grievance filed by or against an individual or in connection with collective negotiations, including documents and statements of strategy or negotiating position;
- i. Information that is a communication between the school and its insurance carrier, administrative service organization or risk management office;
- j. Information that is to be kept confidential pursuant to court order;
- k. That portion of any document which discloses the social security number, credit card number, unlisted telephone number or driver license number of any person; except for use by any government agency, including any court or law enforcement agency, in carrying out its functions, or any private





person or entity acting on behalf thereof, or any private person or entity seeking to enforce payment of court-ordered child support; except with respect to the disclosure of driver information by the Division of Motor Vehicles as permitted by Section 2 of P.L.1997, c. 188 (C.39:2-3.4); and except that a social security number contained in a record required by law to be made, maintained or kept on file by a public agency shall be disclosed when access to the document or disclosure of that information is not otherwise prohibited by State or Federal law, regulation or order or by State statute, resolution of either or both houses of the Legislature, Executive Order of the Governor, rule of court or regulation promulgated under the authority of any statute or executive order of the Governor;

- l. Personnel and pension records of an individual, including records relating to any grievance filed by or against an individual, except the individual's name, title, position, salary, payroll record, length of service, date of separation and the reason therefore, the amount and type of pension he/she receives, and data, other than detailed medical or psychological information, that shows conformity with qualifications for employment and pensions. Personnel or pension records of any individual shall be accessible when required to be disclosed by law, when disclosure is essential to the performance of official duties of a person duly authorized by this State or the United States, or when authorized by an individual in interest;
  - m. Test questions, scoring keys, and other examination data pertaining to the administration of an examination for employment or academic examination;
  - n. Information concerning student records or grievance or disciplinary proceedings against a student to the extent disclosure would reveal the identity of the student; and
  - o. All other information listed as being confidential and not a government record as defined in N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1.
- C. Records of Investigation In Progress (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-3)
1. Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.A 47:1A-1 et seq., where it appears the record or records which are sought to be inspected, copied, or examined shall pertain to an investigation in progress by the Board and/or administration:



- a. The right to inspection, copying and/or examination may be denied if the inspection, copying or publication of such record or records will be inimical/detrimental to the public interest. This provision will not be construed to prohibit the Board and/or custodian from opening such record or records if not otherwise prohibited by law or to prohibit access to a record that was open for public inspection, examination, or copying before the investigation commenced; and
  - b. If the Board, during the course of an investigation, obtains from another public agency a government record that was open for public inspection, examination or copying before the investigation commenced, the Board will provide the other agency with sufficient access to the record to allow the other agency to comply with requests made pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., the information concerning a criminal investigation will be available to the public in accordance with N.J.S.A. 47:1A-3.b.
- D. Inspection, Examination and Copying (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5 et seq.)
1. The custodian will permit the government record to be inspected, examined, and copied by any person during regular business hours. In the case of a Board of Education having a total school enrollment of 500 or fewer, the custodian will permit the records to be inspected, examined and copied during not less than six regular business hours over not less than three business days per week or the entity's regularly-scheduled business hours, whichever is less, unless the government record is exempt from public access as per N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.a.
  2. Prior to allowing access to any government record, the custodian will redact from that record any information which discloses the social security number, credit card number, unlisted telephone number, or driver license number of any person, except:
    - a. If the record is being used by any government agency, including any court or law enforcement agency, in carrying out its functions, or any private person or entity acting on behalf thereof, or any private person or entity seeking to enforce payment of court-ordered child support;
    - b. With respect to the disclosure of driver information by the Division of Motor Vehicles as permitted by section 2 of P.L.1997, c. 188 (C.39:2-3.4);



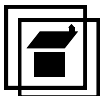
- c. That a social security number contained in a record required by law to be made, maintained or kept on file by a public agency shall be disclosed when access to the document or disclosure of that information is not otherwise prohibited by State or Federal law, regulation or order or by State statute, resolution of either or both houses of the Legislature, Executive Order of the Governor, rule of court or regulation promulgated under the authority of any statute or executive order of the Governor; and
  - d. Where an agency can demonstrate an emergent need, a regulation that limits access to government records shall not be retroactive in effect or applied to deny a request for access to a government record that is pending before the agency, the council or a court at the time of the adoption of the regulation.
- E. Copy Purchase (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5 et seq.)
- 1. The custodian shall charge the requestor a fee for a copy or copies of a government record in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.b. Except as otherwise provided by law or regulation, the fee assessed for the duplication of a government record embodied in the form of printed matter shall be \$.05 per letter size page or smaller, and \$.07 per legal size page or larger.
    - a. If the school can demonstrate that its actual costs for duplication of a government record exceed the per page rates, the school shall be permitted to charge the actual cost of duplicating the record. The actual cost of duplicating the record, upon which all copy fees are based, shall be the cost of materials and supplies used to make a copy of the record, but shall not include the cost of labor or overhead expenses associated with making the copy except as provided for in N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.c. and E.2. below.
    - b. The calculation of actual costs shall be as follows:
      - (1) The custodian should contact the school's supplier(s) to determine the cost of paper and toner. A supplier is wherever the school obtains copying materials such as paper and toner.
      - (2) The custodian should calculate or contact the copying company to determine the school's annual school year copying volume. This volume shall not only include copies pertaining to OPRA requests, but shall include all copying on all copy machines in the school for all purposes.



- (3) The custodian should contact the copying company to determine the average paper life of one toner/ink cartridge (i.e. how many pieces of paper the ink or toner should be able to copy).
        - (4) The custodian shall maintain documentation of all information provided by the copying company or office supplier (i.e. contracts or correspondence from purchasing agent or copying company) regarding this calculation.
        - (5) The actual calculation is the total cost of paper purchased for one school year plus the total cost of toner purchased for one school year divided by the annual copying volume. This calculation can be averaged for all copy machines in the school that produce letter and legal copies.
        - (6) Actual copy costs for special copies, such as color printing or blueprints copied within the school, shall be calculated separately.
      - c. If the school's calculated per copy actual cost exceeds the enumerated rates set forth in N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.b. and E.1. above, the school, if challenged, must demonstrate its actual costs are indeed higher than those enumerated rates and are therefore justified.
      - d. Access to electronic records and non-printed materials shall be provided free of charge, but the school may charge for the actual costs of any needed supplies such as computer discs.
    2. Whenever the nature, format, manner of collation, or volume of a government record embodied in the form of printed matter to be inspected, examined, or copied pursuant to this Regulation is such that the record cannot be reproduced by ordinary document copying equipment in ordinary business size or involves an extraordinary expenditure of time and effort to accommodate the request, the school will charge, in addition to the actual cost of duplicating the record, a special service charge that will be reasonable and will be based upon the actual direct cost of providing the copy or copies. The custodian will provide the requestor an opportunity to review and object to the charge prior to it being incurred.



3. A custodian shall permit access to a government record and provide a copy thereof in the medium requested if the school maintains the record in that medium. If the school does not maintain the record in the medium requested, the custodian will either convert the record to the medium requested or provide a copy in some other meaningful medium.
4. If a request is for a record in a medium not routinely used by the school; not routinely developed or maintained by the school or requiring a substantial amount of manipulation or programming of information technology, the school will charge, in addition to the actual cost of duplication, a special charge that will be reasonable and based on the cost for any extensive use of information technology, or for the labor cost of personnel providing the service, that is actually incurred by the school or attributable to the school for the programming, clerical, and supervisory assistance required, or both.
5. Immediate access ordinarily will be granted to budgets, bills, vouchers, contracts, including collective negotiations agreements and individual employment contracts, and public employee salary and overtime information.
6. The custodian will adopt a form for the use of any person who requests access to a government record held or controlled by the public agency. The form will provide:
  - a. Space for the name, address, and phone number of the requestor and a brief description of the government record sought;
  - b. Space for the custodian to indicate which record will be made available, when the record will be available, and the fees to be charged;
  - c. Specific directions and procedures for requesting a record;
  - d. A statement as to whether prepayment of fees or a deposit is required;
  - e. The time period within which the school is required by N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. to make the record available;
  - f. A statement of the requestor's right to challenge a decision to deny access and the procedure for filing an appeal;
  - g. Space for the custodian to list reasons if a request is denied in whole or in part;



- h. Space for the requestor to sign and date the form; and
  - i. Space for the custodian to sign and date the form if the request is fulfilled or denied.
- 7. The custodian will require a deposit against costs for reproducing documents sought through an anonymous request whenever the custodian anticipates that the information thus requested will cost in excess of \$5.00 to reproduce.
- 8. Request for access to a government record shall be in writing and hand-delivered or mailed to the custodian.
- 9. The custodian will promptly comply with a request to inspect, examine, copy, or provide a copy of a government record.
- 10. If the custodian is unable to comply with a request for access, the custodian will indicate the specific basis therefore on the request form and promptly return it to the requestor.
- 11. The custodian will sign and date the form and provide the requestor with a copy thereof.
- 12. If the custodian asserts that part of a particular record is exempt from public access pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. the custodian will delete or excise from a copy of the record that portion which the custodian asserts is exempt from access and shall promptly permit access to the remainder of the record.
- 13. If the government record requested is temporarily unavailable because it is in use or in storage, the custodian will advise the requestor and will make arrangements to promptly make available a copy of the record.
- 14. If a request for access to a government record would substantially disrupt school operations, the custodian may deny access to the record after attempting to reach a reasonable solution with the requestor that accommodates the interests of the requestor and the school.
- 15. Any officer or employee of the school who receives a request for access to a government record will forward the request to the custodian of the record or direct the requestor to the custodian of the record.



16. Unless a shorter time period is otherwise provided by statute, regulation, or executive order, the custodian will grant access to a government record or deny a request for access to a government record as soon as possible, but not later than seven business days after receiving the request, provided that the record is currently available and not in storage or archived.
    - a. In the event the custodian fails to respond within seven business days after receiving a request, the failure to respond will be deemed a denial of the request, unless the requestor has elected not to provide a name, address or telephone number, or other means of contacting the requestor.
    - b. If the requestor has elected not to provide a name, address, or telephone number, or other means of contacting the requestor, the custodian will not be required to respond until the requestor reappears before the custodian seeking a response to the original request.
    - c. If the government record is in storage or archived, the requestor will be so advised within seven business days after the custodian receives the request. The requestor will be advised by the custodian when the record can be made available. If the record is not made available by that time, access shall be deemed denied.
  17. A custodian will post prominently in public view in the part or parts of the office or offices of the custodian that are open to or frequented by the public a statement that sets forth in clear, concise and specific terms the right to appeal a denial of, or failure to provide, access to a government record by any person for inspection, examination, or copying or for purchase of copies thereof and the procedure by which an appeal may be filed.
- F. Challenge to Access Upon Denial (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6)
1. A person who is denied access to a government record by the custodian, at the option of the requestor, may:
    - a. Institute a proceeding to challenge the custodian's decision by filing an action in Superior Court; or
    - b. In lieu of filing an action in Superior Court, file a complaint with the Government Records Council established pursuant to section 8 of P.L.2001, c. 404 (C.47:1A-7).



2. The right to institute any proceeding under N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6 will be solely that of the requestor. Any such proceeding shall proceed in a summary or expedited manner. The Board will have the burden of proving that the denial of access is authorized by law. If it is determined that access has been improperly denied, the court or agency head shall order that access be allowed. A requestor who prevails in any proceeding shall be entitled to a reasonable attorney's fee.

G. Government Records Council (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-7)

The Board and the custodian of records will comply with the requirements and guidelines from the Government Records Council in accordance with N.J.S.A. 47:1A-7.

H. Common Right Law Right of Access (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-8)

Nothing contained in N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. shall be construed as limiting the common law right of access to a government record, including criminal investigative records of a law enforcement agency.

I. Construction with Other Laws (N.J.S.A. 47-1A-9 et seq.)

1. The provisions of this Regulation and N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. shall not abrogate any exemption of a public record or government record from public access heretofore made pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.; any other statute; resolution of either or both Houses of the Legislature; regulation promulgated under the authority of any statute or Executive Order of the Governor; Executive Order of the Governor; Rules of Court; any Federal law; Federal regulation; or Federal order.
2. The provisions of this Regulation and N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. shall not abrogate or erode any executive or legislative privilege or grant of confidentiality heretofore established or recognized by the Constitution of this State, statute, court rule or judicial case law, which privilege or grant of confidentiality may duly be claimed to restrict public access to a public record or government record.

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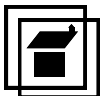




## R 8320 PERSONNEL RECORDS

### A. Content of Record

1. A personnel file shall be assembled and maintained for each person employed by this district. Each file shall contain the original or copies, as appropriate, of the following documents regarding the employee:
  - a. The employee's current correct name, address, telephone number, and birthdate;
  - b. Application form, including transcripts of all academic work, records of prior military service, and other supporting documents;
  - c. Annual employment contract and/or annual salary notice, signed by the employee;
  - d. Certificates and/or licenses required for employment;
  - e. Documentation of fulfillment of requirements for any change in salary classification;
  - f. Income tax forms;
  - g. Retirement registration;
  - h. Hospitalization forms;
  - i. Annuity forms;
  - j. Rate of compensation;
  - k. Attendance record, including the starting and ending dates of all leaves of absence, whether the leave was paid or unpaid, and the purpose for which such leaves were granted;
  - l. Assignment to positions, including position title and building to which assigned;



- m. Completed evaluations;
  - n. Reports of disciplinary incidents;
  - o. Records of special awards, commendations, or distinctions;
  - p. Oath of allegiance;
  - q. Reports of routine physical examinations; and
  - r. Reports of physical and mental examinations required for cause.
2. No information will be placed in an employees' file that does not pertain to the employee's position in this district and the performance of the employee's duties.
  3. The content of personnel files will be reviewed annually and material no longer required will be destroyed.
- B. Custodian of Personnel Records
1. The Superintendent is custodian of all personnel records.
  2. Personnel records shall be maintained in the office of the Superintendent, who shall be records manager responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of the files and for supervising access to the files.
- C. Notice of Content of Files
1. Each employee shall be informed of the content of his/her personnel file.
  2. Each employee will be notified of the inclusion in his/her file of any document that was not received from the employee or at the direction of the employee.
    - a. No evaluation form will be placed in a personnel file until it has been reviewed and signed by the employee.
    - b. No copy of a memorandum or letter sent by an administrator or other school official to an employee will be placed in the employee's file unless the original and copy include the notation "cc: Personnel File" or other clear indication of the author's intention to place the memorandum or letter in the employee's file.



- c. No report or letter or memorandum from any source, other than documents referred to in paragraph C2b above, may be placed in an employee's file until a copy of the same has been delivered to the employee.

### D. Employee Access to Personnel Records

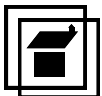
1. Each employee shall be granted access to his/her personnel file in accordance with these regulations, except as may have been negotiated with the employee's majority representative.
2. Written request for access shall be submitted to the Superintendent. Except in unusual circumstances, access shall be granted only during the regular working hours of the office in which the file is kept.
3. The employee shall review the record in the presence of the Superintendent or designee and, at the employee's request, a representative of the employee.
4. No alteration or addition or deletion may be made to the file, except that the employee may append to any document in the file his/her comment on that document.
5. The employee may hand copy any portion of his/her file and may receive photocopies of records on payment of the copying fees established for copies of public records.

### E. Appeal of Content of the File

1. The employee may appeal to the Superintendent the exclusion or inclusion of any portion of his/her personnel file or the accuracy of any information in the file.
2. An appeal must be made in writing on a form available in the office of the Superintendent.
3. The Superintendent shall render a decision on the appeal as soon as possible, but not later than fifteen working days from the time the written appeal is submitted. The Superintendent's decision shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the employee and the records manager responsible for the employee's file.



4. Except as may be otherwise provided by contract negotiated with the employee's majority representative, the appellant may appeal the Superintendent's decision to the Board; a decision of the Board may be appealed to the Commissioner of Education.
- F. Access by Board Members and School Officials
1. Personnel files may be inspected by school officials only as required in the discharge of their professional or statutory duties and to the extent required in the discharge of those duties.
  2. Personnel files may be inspected by Board members when such inspection relates to the Superintendent's recommendation of a candidate for employment, promotion, transfer, dismissal, or discipline.
  3. Much of the information included in an employee's file is confidential; access to the employee's file for professional reasons necessarily imposes on the person reviewing the file the duty to respect the confidentiality of the record.
- G. Public Access to Employee Records and Information
1. A Board of Education and private agencies that provide educational services by means of public funds shall make employee records and information available for public access, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-10, the Open Public Records Act, but in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:6-120(d) and 121.(d) in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-4.3 and as outlined in this Regulation.
  2. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 47:1A-10, notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. or any other law to the contrary, the personnel or pension records of any individual in the possession of a public agency, including but not limited to, records relating to any grievance filed by or against an individual, shall not be considered a government record and shall not be made available for public access, except that:
    - a. An individual's name, title, position, salary, payroll record, length of service, date of separation and the reason therefore, and the amount and type of any pension received shall be a government record;
    - b. Personnel or pension records of any individual shall be accessible when required to be disclosed by another law, when disclosure is essential to the performance of official duties of a person duly authorized by the State of New Jersey or the United States, or when authorized by an individual in interest; and



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- c. Data contained in information which disclose conformity with specific experiential, educational, or medical qualification required for government employment or for receipt of a public pension, but not including any detailed medical or psychological information, shall be a government record.
3. Information related to the evaluation of a particular employee shall be maintained by the school district, be confidential, and not be accessible to the public pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:6-120.d and 18A:6-121.d.

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## R 8330 STUDENT RECORDS

### A. Definitions (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-2.1)

1. "Access" means the right to view, make notes, and/or reproduce a student record.
2. "Adult student" means a person who is at least eighteen years of age, or is attending an institution of postsecondary education, or is an emancipated minor.
3. "Mandated student records" means student records that school districts compile pursuant to State statute, regulation, or authorized administrative directive.
4. "Parent" means the natural or adoptive parent, legal guardian, surrogate appointed according to N.J.A.C. 6A:14-2.2, or a person acting in place of a parent (such as a grandparent or stepparent with whom the student lives or a person legally responsible for the student's welfare). Unless parental rights have been terminated by a court of appropriate jurisdiction, the parent retains all rights under N.J.A.C. 6A:32. In addition, a foster parent may act as a parent under the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:32 if the parent's authority to make educational decisions on the student's behalf has been terminated by a court of appropriate jurisdiction.
5. "Permitted student records" means records that the Board of Education has authorized, by resolution adopted at a regular public meeting, to be collected to promote the educational welfare of students.
6. "Student record" means information related to an individual student gathered within or outside the school district and maintained within the school district regardless of the physical form in which it is maintained. Essential in this definition is the idea that any information that is maintained for the purpose of second-party review is considered a student record. Therefore, information recorded by certified school personnel solely as a memory aid and not for the use of a second party is excluded from this definition.
7. "Student information directory" means a publication of the Board of Education that includes information relating to a student. It shall be used only by authorized school district personnel and for designated official use by judicial, law enforcement, and medical personnel and not for general public consumption. The information shall be the student's: name; grade level; date and place of birth; dates of attendance; major field of study; participation in officially recognized activities; weight and height relating to athletic team membership; degrees; awards; the most recent educational agency attended by the student; and other similar information.



B. General Considerations (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.1)

1. The Board of Education shall compile and maintain student records and regulate access, disclosure, or communication of information contained in educational records in a manner that assures the security of such records in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.1. et seq.
2. Student records shall contain only such information as is relevant to the education of the student and is objectively based on the personal observations or knowledge of the certified school personnel who originate(s) the record.
3. The school district shall provide annual, written notification to parents, adult students, and emancipated minors of their rights in regard to student records and student participation in educational, occupational, and military recruitment programs. Copies of the applicable State and Federal laws and local policies shall be made available upon request. The school district shall make every effort to notify parents and adult students in their dominant language.
4. A non-adult student may assert rights of access only through his or her parents. However, nothing in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7 et seq. or in Policy or Regulation 8330 shall be construed to prohibit certified school personnel from disclosing at their discretion student records to non-adult students or to appropriate persons in connection with an emergency, if such knowledge is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other persons.
5. The parent or adult student shall have access to their own records and have access to or be specifically informed about only that portion of another student's record that contains information about his or her own child or himself or herself.
6. The Superintendent or designee shall require all permitted student records of currently enrolled students to be reviewed annually by certified school personnel to determine the education relevance of the material contained therein. The reviewer shall cause data no longer descriptive of the student or educational program to be deleted from the records except that prior notice shall be given for classified students in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14, Special Education. Such information shall be disposed of and not be recorded elsewhere. No record of any such deletion shall be made.
7. No liability shall be attached to any member, officer, or employee of the Board of Education permitting access or furnishing student records in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.1 et seq.

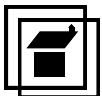


8. When the parent's or adult student's dominant language is not English or the parent or adult student is deaf, the school district shall provide interpretation of the student records in the dominant language of the parents or adult student.
  9. Student health records shall be maintained separately from other student records and handled, according to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.1 et seq., until such time as graduation or termination, whereupon the health history and immunization record shall be removed from the student's health record and placed in the student's mandated record.
- C. School Contact Directory for Official Use (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.2)
1. The Board of Education shall compile and maintain a school contact directory for official use that is separate and distinct from the student information directory.
    - a. School personnel shall provide information from the school contact directory for official use only to judicial and law enforcement personnel, and to medical personnel currently providing services to the student in question.
    - b. Upon request from a court, other judicial agency, law enforcement agency, or medical service provider currently providing services to the student in question, school personnel shall promptly verify the enrollment of a student and provide the requester with all information about that student that is contained in the school contact directory for official use.
  2. To exclude any information from the school contact directory for official use, the parent, adult student, or emancipated minor shall notify the Superintendent or designee in writing.
- D. Mandated and Permitted Student Records (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.3)
1. Mandated student records shall include the following:
    - a. The student's name, address, telephone number, date of birth, name of parent(s), gender, standardized assessment results, grades, attendance, classes attended, grade level completed, year completed, and years of attendance;
    - b. Record of daily attendance;
    - c. Descriptions of student progress according to the system of student evaluation used in the school district;





- d. History and status of physical health compiled in accordance with State regulations, including results of any physical examinations given by qualified school district employees and immunizations;
  - e. Records pursuant to rules and regulations regarding the education of students with disabilities; and
  - f. All other records required by N.J.A.C. 6A.
2. Permitted student records are those student records not mandated pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.3, but authorized by the Board to promote the student's educational welfare and include the following as authorized by this Board upon adoption of Policy and Regulation 8330. These records may include, but are not limited to:
- a. Personally authenticated observations, assessments, ratings, and anecdotal reports recorded by teaching staff members in the performance of their professional responsibilities and intended for review by another person, provided the record is dated and signed by the originator. Information recorded solely as a memory aid for the originator becomes a student's record when it is reviewed by any other person, including a substitute;
  - b. Information, scores, and results obtained from standardized tests or by approved tests conducted by professional personnel;
  - c. Educationally relevant information provided by the parent, adult student, or emancipated minor regarding the student's achievements or school activities;
  - d. Any correspondence with the student and/or the student's parents;
  - e. Driver education certificate;
  - f. Emergency notification form;
  - g. New student registration form;
  - h. Withdrawal or transfer form;
  - i. Change of schedule form;
  - j. Records of disciplinary infractions, penalties, and disciplinary hearings;



- k. Records of the student's co-curricular and athletic activities and achievements;
  - l. Class rank;
  - m. Awards and honors;
  - n. Notations of additional records maintained in a separate file;
  - o. The statement from a student's parent, adult student, or emancipated minor regarding a contested portion of the record; and
  - p. Entries indicating review of the file by an authorized person.
- E. Maintenance and Security of Student Records (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.4)
- 1. The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for the security of student records maintained in the school district and shall devise procedures/regulations for assuring that access to such records is limited to authorized persons. Policy and Regulation 8330 assures that access to such records is limited to authorized persons.
  - 2. Records for each individual student may be stored either electronically or in paper format. When student records are stored electronically, proper security and backup procedures shall be administered.
  - 3. Student health records, whether stored on paper or electronically, shall be maintained separately from other student records, until such time as graduation or termination whereupon the health history and immunization record shall be removed from the student's health record and placed in the student's mandated record.
  - 4. Records shall be accessible during the hours in which the school program is in operation.
  - 5. Mandated student records required as part of programs established through State-administered entitlement or discretionary funds from the U.S. Department of Education shall be maintained for a period of five years after graduation, termination from the school district, or age twenty-three, whichever is longer, and shall be disposed of in accordance with N.J.S.A. 47:3-15 et seq.
  - 6. Any district website shall not disclose any personally identifiable information about a student, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36-35.



- F. Access to Student Records (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5)
1. Only authorized organizations, agencies, or persons as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5 shall have access to student records, including student health records. Access to student records shall be provided to persons authorized such access under N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.1 et seq. within ten days of a request, but prior to any review or hearing conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A.
  2. The school district shall control access to, disclosure of, and communication regarding information contained in student health records to assure access only to people permitted by Federal and State statute and regulations or stated in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5(e) and section G. below.
  3. The school district may charge a reasonable fee for reproduction of student records, not to exceed the schedule of costs set forth in N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5, provided that the cost does not effectively prevent the parents or adult students from exercising their rights under N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7 or other Federal and State rules and regulations regarding students with disabilities, including N.J.A.C. 6A:14.
  4. Access to and disclosure of a student health record shall meet the requirements of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (FERPA).
- G. Authorized Organizations, Agencies, and Persons with Access to Student Records (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5(e))

Access shall include only the following:

1. A student who has the written permission of a parent and the parent of a student under the age of eighteen whether the child resides with the parent except per N.J.S.A. 9:2-4:
  - a. The place of residence shall not be disclosed; and
  - b. Access shall not be provided if denied by a court.
2. Students at least sixteen years of age who are terminating their education in the school district because they will graduate secondary school at the end of the term or no longer plan to continue their education;



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3. An adult student and parent who has the written permission of an adult student, except that the parent shall have access without consent of the student as long as the student is financially dependent on the parent and enrolled in the public school system or if the student has been declared legally incompetent by a court of appropriate jurisdiction. The parent of the financially dependent adult student may not disclose information contained in the adult student's record to a second or third party without the consent of the adult student;
4. Certified school district personnel who are assigned educational responsibility for the student shall have access to the general student record but not to the student health record except under conditions permitted in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.4;
5. Certified educational personnel who have assigned educational responsibility for the student and who are employed by agencies listed below shall have access to the general student record, but not to the student health record except under conditions permitted in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.4:
  - a. An approved private school for the disabled;
  - b. A State facility;
  - c. Accredited nonpublic schools in which students with educational disabilities have been placed according to N.J.S.A. 18A:46-14; or
  - d. Clinics and agencies approved by the Department of Education.
6. To fulfill its legal responsibility, the Board of Education shall have access through the Superintendent or designee to information contained in a student's record. Information shall be discussed in executive session unless otherwise requested by the parent or adult student;
7. Secretarial and clerical personnel under the direct supervision of certified school personnel shall be permitted access to portions of the record to the extent necessary for the entry and recording of data and the conducting of routine clerical tasks. Access shall be limited only to student files in which such staff are directed to enter or record information, and shall cease when the specific assigned task is completed;
8. Accrediting organizations in order to carry out their accrediting functions;



9. The Commissioner of Education and New Jersey Department of Education staff members who are assigned responsibility that necessitates the review of such records;
10. Officials of other district Boards of Education within the State of New Jersey or other educational agencies or institutions where the student is placed, registered, or seeks to enroll subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Original mandated student records that schools have been directed to compile by New Jersey statute, regulation, or authorized administrative directive shall be forwarded to the receiving school district with written notification to the parent or adult student;
  - b. Original mandated student records that a Board of Education has required shall be forwarded to the receiving school district only with the written consent of the parent or adult student, except where a formal sending-receiving relationship exists between the school districts;
  - c. All records to be forwarded, including disciplinary records as specified in N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19(a), shall be sent to the Superintendent or designee of the school district to which the student has transferred within ten school days after the transfer has been verified by the requesting school district;
  - d. The Superintendent or designee shall request in writing all student records from the school district of last attendance within two weeks from the date that the student enrolls in the new school district;
  - e. Upon request, the Superintendent or designee of the school district of last attendance shall provide a parent(s) or an adult student with a copy of the records disclosed to other educational agencies or institutions; and
  - f. Proper identification, such as a certified copy of the student's birth certificate or other proof of the child's identity pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-25.1, shall be requested at the time of enrollment in a new school district.
11. Officials of the United States Department of Education assigned responsibilities that necessitate review of such records;



12. Officers and employees of a State agency responsible for protective and investigative services for students referred to that agency, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.40. Wherever appropriate, the Board of Education shall ask the State agency for its cooperation in sharing the findings of an investigation;
  13. Agency caseworkers or other representatives of a State or local child welfare agency who have the right to access a student's case plan when the agency or organization is legally responsible, in accordance with State law, for the care and protection of the student, consistent with 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(b)(1)(L);
  14. Organizations, agencies, and persons from outside the school if they have the written consent of the parent or adult student. Organizations, agencies, and persons shall not transfer student record information to a third party without the written consent of the parent or adult student;
  15. Organizations, agencies, and individuals outside the school, other than those specified in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5, upon the presentation of a court order;
  16. Bona fide researchers who explain to the Superintendent the nature of the research project and the relevance of the records sought. Researchers shall also satisfy the Superintendent or designee that the records will be used under strict conditions of anonymity and confidentiality. Such assurance shall be received in writing by the Superintendent prior to the release of information to the researcher;
  17. Nothing in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.1 et seq. and Policy and Regulation 8330 shall be construed to prohibit school personnel from disclosing information contained in the student health record to students or adults in connection with an emergency, if such knowledge is necessary to protect the immediate health or safety of the student or other persons; and
  18. In complying with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.1 et seq., individuals shall adhere to requirements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. - the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) and 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, 34 CFR Part 99 - the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- H. Conditions for Access to Student Records (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.6)

All authorized organizations, agencies, and persons defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.1 et seq. as listed below shall have access to the records of a student, subject to the following conditions:



1. No student record shall be altered or disposed of during the time period between a request to review the record and the actual review of the record.
2. Authorized organizations, agencies, and persons from outside the school whose access requires the consent of parents or adult students shall submit to the Superintendent or designee the request in writing together with any required authorization.
3. The Superintendent or designee shall be present during the period of inspection to provide interpretation of the records where necessary and to prevent their alteration, damage, or loss. In every instance of inspection of student records by persons other than parents, student, or individuals who have assigned educational responsibility for the individual student, an entry shall be made in the student's record of the name(s) of persons granted access, the reason access was granted, the time and circumstances of inspection, the records studied, and the purposes for which the data will be used.
4. Prior to disclosure of student records to organizations, agencies, or persons outside the school district pursuant to a court order, the Superintendent or designee shall give the parent or adult student at least three days' notice of the name of the requesting agency and the specific records requested unless otherwise judicially instructed. Such notification shall be provided in writing, if practicable. Only records related to the specific purpose of the court order shall be disclosed.
  - a. Notice to the parent shall not be required when he or she is party to a court proceeding involving child abuse and neglect or dependency matters, consistent with 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(b)(2)(B).
5. A record may be withheld from a parent or from an adult student only when the school district obtains a court order or is provided with evidence that there is a court order revoking the right to access. Only that portion of the record designated by the court shall be withheld. When the district has or obtains evidence of such court order, the parent or adult student shall be notified in writing within five days of his or her request that access to the record has been denied and that the person has the right to appeal this decision to the court issuing the order.



- I. Rights of Appeal for Parents and Adult Students (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.7)
  1. Student records are subject to challenge by parents and adult students on grounds of inaccuracy, irrelevancy, impermissive disclosure, inclusion of improper information, or denial of access to organizations, agencies, and persons. The parent or adult student may seek to: expunge inaccurate, irrelevant, or otherwise improper information from the student record; insert additional data as well as reasonable comments as to the meaning and/or accuracy of the records; and/or request an immediate stay of disclosure pending final determination of the challenge procedure as described in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.
  2. To request a change in the record or to request a stay of disclosure pending final determination of the challenged procedure, the process shall be as follows:
    - a. A parent or adult student shall notify in writing the Superintendent of the specific issues relating to the student record.
    - b. Within ten school days of notification, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent or adult student of the school district's decision.
    - c. If the school district disagrees with the request, the Superintendent or designee shall meet with the parent or adult student to resolve the issues set forth in the appeal.
    - d. If the matter is not satisfactorily resolved, the parent or adult student has ten school days to appeal this decision to the Board of Education.
    - e. If an appeal is made to the Board of Education, a decision shall be rendered within twenty school days. The decision of the Board of Education may be appealed to the Commissioner pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-9 and N.J.A.C. 6A:3, Controversies and Disputes.
    - f. At all stages of the appeal process, the parent or adult student shall be afforded a full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issue. A record of the appeal proceedings and outcome shall be made a part of the student's record with copies made available to the parent or adult student.
  3. Appeals relating to student records of students with disabilities shall be processed in accordance with the requirements of I.2. above.



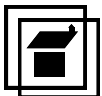


4. Regardless of the outcome of any appeal, a parent or adult student shall be permitted to place in the student record a statement commenting upon the information in the student record or setting forth any reasons for disagreement with the decision made in the appeal.
  - a. Such statements shall be maintained as part of the student record as long as the contested portion of the record is maintained. If the contested portion of the record is disclosed to any party, the statement commenting upon the information shall also be disclosed to that party.
  
- J. Retention and Disposal of Student Records (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.8)
  1. A student's record is considered to be incomplete and not subject to the provisions of the Destruction of Public Records Law, N.J.S.A. 47:3-15 et seq., while the student is enrolled in the school district.
    - a. The school district shall retain the student health record and the health history and immunization record according to the School District Records Retention Schedule, as determined by the New Jersey State Records Committee.
  
  2. Student records of currently enrolled students, other than the records that must be maintained for one hundred years as described in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.8(e) and 5. below, may be disposed of after the information is no longer necessary to provide educational services to a student.
    - a. Such disposition shall be accomplished only after written parental or adult student notification and written parental or adult student permission has been granted or after reasonable attempts of such notification and reasonable attempts to secure parental or adult student permission have been unsuccessful.
  
  3. Upon graduation or permanent departure of a student from the school district:
    - a. The parent or adult student shall be notified in writing that a copy of the entire student record will be provided to them upon request.
    - b. Information in student records, other than that described in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.8(e) and 5. below, may be disposed of, but only in accordance with the Destruction of Public Records Law, N.J.S.A. 47:3-15 et seq.



- c. Such disposition shall be accomplished only after written parental or adult student notification and written parental or adult student permission has been granted, or after reasonable attempts at such notification and reasonable attempts to secure parental or adult student permission have been unsuccessful and prior written authorization has been obtained from the New Jersey State Records Committee in the New Jersey Department of State.
4. No additions shall be made to the record after graduation or permanent departure without the prior written consent of the parent or adult student.
5. The New Jersey public school district of last enrollment, graduation, or permanent departure of the student from the school district shall keep for one hundred years a mandated record of a student's name, date of birth, name of parents, gender, health history and immunization, standardized assessment results, grades, attendance, classes attended, grade level completed, year completed, and years of attendance.

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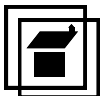


### R 8420 EMERGENCY AND NON-FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

The need for orderly and safe evacuation during certain situations is critical to the safety of the occupants of a school building. If such a threat is deemed immediate, credible, and reasonable, the Principal or designee may order a non-fire building evacuation. In the event the Principal or designee believes a threat does not exist or immediate evacuation is not required, the Principal or designee shall review the situation with the Superintendent, who may consult with local law enforcement officials to review the threat risk.

#### A. Procedures in the Event it is Determined a Non-Fire Evacuation is Warranted

1. The Principal or designee will immediately order a non-fire evacuation of the school building. The notification process may be the school's fire alarm system, a notice over the school's public address system, or any other method deemed appropriate by the Principal or designee to inform building occupants to evacuate the school building. The evacuation may be an entire or partial building evacuation depending on the circumstances.
2. The Principal or designee will:
  - a. Immediately call local law enforcement officials;
  - b. Immediately call the Superintendent;
  - c. Ensure any school buses enroute to the school or other vehicles entering the school grounds are redirected to a designated alternative location pending further instructions from law enforcement officials;
  - d. Notify and maintain contact with the Superintendent regarding the communication to be released to parents, community and media; and
  - e. Allow local enforcement officials to control the scene upon their arrival.
3. School staff members, upon receiving notice the school needs to be evacuated, will:
  - a. Direct students to gather personal belongings in the classroom or within their immediate area;
  - b. Instruct students not to use any electronic communication device until instructed otherwise;



- c. Close the windows and doors of their vacated rooms and turn off any light or electrical switch;
  - d. Take the student roster and the day's attendance;
  - e. Lead their class or the students under their supervision upon receiving the evacuation notice to the evacuation area;
  - f. Take attendance when arriving at the evacuation area and report any additional students or missing students to the Principal or designee;
  - g. Not allow any student to re-enter the building, leave the evacuation area, or be dismissed from school unless authorized by the Principal or designee or law enforcement officials; and
  - h. Not speak to the media or permit media to interview any student.
- B. Procedures After it is Determined the School Building Can be Reoccupied
- 1. The Principal or designee, upon a determination by school and law enforcement officials that the threat or risk is concluded, will direct the reoccupation of the building.
  - 2. If it is determined the building is not safe to re-enter, the Principal or designee will notify school officials of the situation at the evacuation assembly locations. If it is determined students will be released for the day, the Principal or designee, in consultation with the Superintendent, will coordinate student dismissal procedures from the evacuation assembly areas and family notification and reunification protocols.
  - 3. The school district will provide school district staff and other school district crisis response team members to provide counseling and support as needed.

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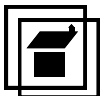
### R 8420.1 FIRE AND FIRE DRILLS

#### A. Fire Drills

1. The Principal will conduct at least one fire drill each month within school hours, including any summer months during which the school is open for instructional programs. Attempts should be made to conduct drills in various weather conditions and at various times of the school day. Fire drills should always be unannounced to school staff and students. The Principal shall inform local fire fighting officials whenever a fire alarm is for drill purposes.
2. Fire alarm shall be by a building designated signal. Alarm signals should be tested regularly, before or after the school session.
3. When the fire alarm rings, each teacher will:
  - a. Direct students to form into a single file line and proceed along the evacuation route to the nearest exit designated for evacuation;
  - b. Close the windows of the room and turn off all lights and audio-visual equipment;
  - c. Take the class register or roll book;
  - d. Ascertain that all students have left the room and that any student who may have left the classroom prior to the fire drill is located and escorted from the building;
  - e. Close all doors to the room when the room is empty and keep all doors and exits of their respective rooms and buildings unlocked during the school hours, except during an emergency lockdown or an emergency lockdown drill;
  - f. Ensure the students assigned to him/her have left the school along the route prescribed in the school evacuation plan. In the event a school building has been provided with fire escapes, they shall be used by a part or all of the students performing every fire drill;



- g. Direct his/her students to a location not less than a distance twice the height of the building walls and keep the students in a single file line facing the building;
  - h. Take attendance to determine all students who reported to his/her class have been evacuated from the building and report immediately to the Principal any student who is unaccounted for; and
  - i. When the recall signal is given, conduct his/her students back to the classroom.
- 4. Evacuation of the school in a fire drill must be conducted quickly and quietly and in an orderly fashion. Students must be silent, refrain from talking and running, and remain in closed, single file lines. Any student or staff member whose behavior disrupts the conduct of the fire drill shall be reported to the Principal and will be subject to discipline.
- 5. All persons in the school must leave the building during a fire drill, including all aides, visitors, volunteer workers, and all office, cafeteria, custodial, and maintenance employees, except those employees who have been assigned specific duties to be performed in the school building during a fire drill.
- 6. Physical education classes in progress outside the building should stop the game activity and line up in place or in their regularly assigned drill position.
- 7. Students will be instructed not to gather belongings to take outside on the fire drill. In inclement or cold weather, students may pick up their coats and put them on as they exit the building, provided no time is lost in that activity.
- 8. The office employee responsible for keeping the central attendance register, or a designated substitute, must carry the register out of the building during the drill.
- 9. The Principal shall report monthly to the Superintendent on the conduct of fire drills. His/Her report will include the date, weather conditions, and time to evacuate for each drill conducted, as well as any comments that could assist in improving the conduct of future drills.
- 10. Every fire drill will be conducted with seriousness and with the assumption that prompt evacuation is actually required for the safety and survival of persons in the school.



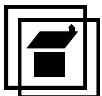
11. The Principal is encouraged to change the circumstances of fire drills so that staff members and students are subjected to various conditions and learn to respond to them quickly, constructively, and safely. Any such variations should take into account the ages and abilities of children.
  - a. One or more exits may be designated as “blocked” so that students are required to use alternative evacuation routes.
  - b. A fire drill may be designated as a “smoke drill” so that students learn to avoid the hazards of smoke by walking in a low or crouching position (not a crawling position).

### B. Fire

1. A school staff member or any building occupant who detects a fire in a school building or on school grounds shall immediately report the fire by calling 911 and/or by activating a fire alarm pull station in accordance with law.
2. The school staff member or building occupant shall also report the fire to the school Principal, if possible.
3. In the event of a fire in a school building, the school Principal shall immediately sound the fire alarm, in the event the fire alarm had not been previously activated, for the evacuation of all students, staff members, visitors, and volunteers.
4. Evacuation shall be conducted in accordance with the fire drill procedures established in paragraph A, except that no employee may remain in the building to perform specific duties.
5. As a precaution, the Principal or designee will maintain a record of disabled students who may require special attention in the event of fire or other evacuation.

Fire fighters will be promptly informed of the location and special circumstances of each such student.
6. As soon as practicable after the incident, the Principal shall submit a report to the Superintendent on the appropriate form.

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### R 8420.2 BOMB THREATS

A bomb threat consists of a message regardless of the source or form or truth of the message, that someone has placed or intends to place in the school an explosive device or any material that will cause significant harm to persons in the school or damage to school property. The bomb threat message may be a telephone call, written, e-mailed, rumored, graffiti or any other communication method.

#### A. Procedures When a Bomb Threat is Received

1. A bomb threat received by any school employee will be immediately relayed to the Principal or designee.
2. A written bomb threat should be placed in a folder or a folded paper and should be handled as little as possible.
3. If possible, a telephoned bomb threat should be transferred to the Principal or designee.
  - a. The Principal or other person who talks to the caller will attempt to keep the caller on the line as long as possible to enhance the chance to identify the telephone caller.
  - b. The person talking to the caller should attempt to obtain, by direct questioning and by listening to background clues, and record in writing as much information as possible about:
    - (1) The alleged bomb (e.g., its nature, size, specific location, what will cause detonation, detonation time);
    - (2) The caller (e.g., name, address, location, gender, age, background, motive);
    - (3) The identity of the person who placed the bomb, if the caller denies responsibility;
    - (4) The means by which the bomb was delivered to the site;
    - (5) The caller's voice (e.g., calm, angry, excited, slow, rapid, loud, slurred, distinct, familiarity); and
    - (6) Background sounds (e.g. street noises, music, office or factory machinery, animal noises, voices).





- B. Procedures to be Used After a Bomb Threat is Received
1. The Principal or designee will immediately call:
    - a. The Police Department/local law enforcement;
    - b. The Fire Department; and
    - c. The Superintendent's office.
  2. If the Principal or designee determines there is reasonable cause to believe an explosive device is present and an immediate evacuation is warranted, the Principal or designee will order the immediate evacuation of the school building. The evacuation will be conducted as follows:
    - a. The fire drill alarm may include a building designated code to indicate that a bomb threat has been received;
    - b. If the Principal or designee determines that time permits, students will empty their lockers and leave them unlocked; and
    - c. School staff members and students will be evacuated to a waiting place at least 1000 feet from the school building and behind cover or to a predetermined area outside the school building.
  3. If the Principal or designee determines an immediate evacuation is not warranted the building will not be immediately evacuated until law enforcement officials arrive on the scene and are provided control of the bomb threat situation.
  4. The Principal or designee will also:
    - a. Prohibit the use of any electronic communication devices to include, but not be limited to cellular telephones and walkie-talkies;
    - b. Ensure any school buses enroute to the school or other vehicles entering the school grounds are redirected to a designated alternative location pending further instructions from law enforcement officials;
    - c. Notify and maintain contact with the Superintendent regarding the communication to be released to parents, community and media; and
    - d. Allow law enforcement officials to control the scene upon their arrival.



5. School staff members, upon receiving notice the school is being evacuated for a bomb threat, will:
  - a. Direct students to gather personal belongings in the classroom or within their immediate area;
  - b. Instruct students to not use any electronic communication device until instructed otherwise;
  - c. Conduct a quick visual survey of their classrooms for any suspicious or unfamiliar objects and report such to the Principal or designee;
  - d. Leave the windows and doors of their vacated rooms open and do not turn on or turn off any light or electrical switch;
  - e. Take the student roster and the day's attendance;
  - f. Lead their class or the students under their supervision upon receiving the evacuation notice to the evacuation area;
  - g. Take attendance when arriving at the evacuation area and report any additional students or missing students to the Principal or designee;
  - h. Not allow any student to re-enter the building, leave the evacuation area, or be dismissed from school unless authorized by the Principal or designee or law enforcement officials; and
  - i. Not speak to the media or permit media to interview any student.
6. If law enforcement officials determine the building can be re-entered, the Principal or designee will order the building to be re-entered. The regular instructional program will be resumed as quickly as possible. If the bomb threat disruption has occurred late in the school day, the Principal may recommend to the Superintendent that the school be closed and students dismissed.
7. In the event an explosive device is found in the school building or on school grounds threatening the safety of staff and students, the Principal or designee will:
  - a. Work with law enforcement officials to ensure the continued safety of students and staff;



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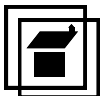
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- b. Notify school officials at the evacuation assembly locations of the situation that students will be released for the day; and
  - c. In consultation with the Superintendent and law enforcement officials, will coordinate student dismissal procedures from the evacuation assembly areas and family notification and reunification protocols.
8. The school district will provide school district staff and other school district crisis response team members to provide counseling and support as needed.
9. All bomb threat procedures will be conducted with seriousness and dispatch. It is the intention of these regulations that the school community be protected against harm without conferring notoriety on the person who threatens harm.
10. In the event an explosion occurs while the building is evacuated, the Principal or designee, in consultation with the Superintendent and law enforcement officials, will coordinate student dismissal procedures from the evacuation assembly areas and family notification and reunification protocols.
11. The Principal will submit to the Superintendent a written report of each bomb threat received, the steps taken in response, and the outcome of the threat.

These procedures are recommended for implementation in the event a bomb threat is received. However, based on the circumstance or situation, the Principal or designee or law enforcement officials may modify these procedures if it is determined modification is needed to best protect the building's occupants.

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## R 8420.3 NATURAL DISASTERS AND MAN-MADE CATASTROPHES

### A. Definitions

1. "Natural disasters" include floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, lightning strikes.
2. "Man-made catastrophes" include explosions, toxic hazards, airplane accidents, nuclear accidents, attacks.

### B. Procedures

1. The Principal is responsible for responding quickly and reasonably to all natural disasters and man-made catastrophes. The Principal's primary goal in any emergency is the protection of the students and staff members assigned to his/her building.
2. The Principal shall cooperate with local law enforcement officers, civil defense agencies, and other appropriate authorities.
3. All reasonable efforts will be made to predict or anticipate the occurrence of a natural disaster or manmade catastrophe and to take such steps in advance as may be necessary to protect students and staff and, if possible, school property.
4. Any school employee who detects or suspects a natural disaster or man-made catastrophe shall immediately notify the Principal, who shall immediately evaluate and/or verify the report. The Principal shall report an impending disaster or catastrophe to the Superintendent and the appropriate police or civil authority.
5. If necessary and prudent, the school will be evacuated in accordance with the fire drills procedures set forth in Regulation No. 8420.1. The alarm for a disaster or catastrophe will be a building designated signal.
6. Until their students are sent home or they are otherwise excused from their duties, classroom teachers will attend to the needs of the students assigned to them. Other teaching staff members and support staff members will report to the Principal or their immediate supervisor for direction. The following personnel should be prepared to take the actions indicated at the direction of the Principal.



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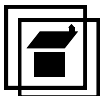
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- a. The school nurse will set up a station for the treatment of injuries and caring for injured and shocked persons until transportation to hospital facilities is available.
  - b. The head custodian will survey the damage, if any, done to essential school building services, such as electrical, gas, water, and fuel. He/She will report any such damage to the Principal along with any recommendations for repair or substitution.
  - c. The cafeteria manager will assess food and water inventories and establish procedures for supplying such food and water as may be required by persons in the school or the school shelter.
7. If the school cannot or should not be re-entered, parents will be notified and students will be sent home as follows:
- a. Students who ordinarily walk to school will be excused,
  - b. Students who ride school buses will be excused as soon as bus transportation is available,
  - c. The Principal may arrange for private vehicle transportation.
8. Students who cannot be sent home safely shall be sheltered in a safe place in the school or in the place designated for out-of-school shelter in the school evacuation plan. A teaching staff member will be assigned to supervise any such students until they can be transferred to the parent or responsible adult designated by the parent.
9. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) will be informed of the school's response to the disaster or catastrophe by implementation of the parent call chain established pursuant to Regulation No. 8420. Reasonable efforts will be made to inform parent(s) or legal guardian(s) promptly of the nature of the emergency and to assure them of their children's safety.
10. The Principal, other administrators, and all school staff members will strive to discharge their responsibilities calmly, intelligently, and prudently.



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11. The Principal will make a written report to the Superintendent on the nature of the emergency, the actions taken in response to the emergency, and the outcome of those actions. The report will detail, as necessary, the actions of specific staff members and make such recommendations for commendation or discipline as may be appropriate.

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### R 8420.4 KIDNAPPING

#### A. Definition

1. A person is a victim of kidnapping:
  - a. When a person is unlawfully removed from the school or school grounds;  
or
  - b. When a person is unlawfully confined with the purpose of holding the victim for ransom, reward, as a shield, or hostage; or
  - c. When a person is unlawfully removed from the school or school grounds or a substantial distance from where he or she is found in school or on school grounds; or
  - d. When a person is unlawfully confined for a substantial period of time with any of the following purposes:
    - (1) To facilitate commission of a crime or flight thereafter, or
    - (2) To inflict bodily injury on or terrorize the victim.

#### B. Procedures

1. The following procedures shall be implemented in the event there is reason to believe a student has been kidnapped. The Building Principal or designee will:
  - a. Immediately notify the Superintendent;
  - b. Check school records to determine whether there is a legal custody issue;
  - c. Contact the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s); and
  - d. Notify the local law enforcement agency.

The Building Principal or designee will be prepared to provide law enforcement authorities information about the student (to the extent possible) including: a physical description of the student; any photograph of the student; information regarding known friends of the student; the names of any potential witnesses to an abduction; a description of an abductor; and other information that may be helpful to law enforcement in locating the student.



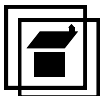
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2. The Building Principal or designee will alert school staff to the possible kidnapping and solicit staff assistance in obtaining information that may be helpful to law enforcement in locating the student.
3. The administrative staff will encourage all staff members remain calm to prevent panic.

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### R 8420.5 ASBESTOS RELEASE

The Board of Education recognizes the building may contain asbestos. The Board and school staff members have implemented the necessary safety measures to eliminate the possibility of asbestos fiber release episodes to ensure the safety of all building occupants. The district maintains an Asbestos Management Plan as required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). The following procedures shall be implemented in the event of an inadvertent disturbance that causes an asbestos fiber release episode in a school district building.

#### Procedures

1. The area where the fiber release may have occurred shall be immediately evacuated;
2. The building's heating, ventilating, and air conditioning system shall be shut down;
3. The area where the fiber release may have occurred shall be sealed off and doors shall be closed;
4. The Superintendent and building maintenance supervisor shall be immediately contacted;
5. The names of all persons who were in the area where the fiber release may have occurred shall be recorded and maintained in separate file;
6. The Building Principal or designee shall communicate to the parents/legal guardians of students, staff, and other occupants of the building as necessary; and
7. The school district shall take such action as necessary depending on whether asbestos fibers were released.

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## R 8420.6 ACCIDENTS TO AND FROM SCHOOL

The Board of Education recognizes that school staff and/or school students may be involved in an accident on their way to or on their way home from school. The school district or school building, depending on the circumstances, will follow these procedures, when practical, in the event there is an accident involving a school staff member or student who is on their way to or on their way home from school.

### Procedures

1. The person receiving notice of an accident shall immediately contact police, fire, or rescue department as appropriate. In the event the person receiving notice of such accident is a student, the student shall immediately notify the Building Principal or designee. In the event the person receiving notice is a school staff member, the staff member shall notify the Building Principal or designee, or their immediate supervisor after contacting police, fire, or rescue department as appropriate.
2. The Building Principal or designee, or the immediate supervisor, shall immediately contact the Superintendent.
3. The Building Principal or designee, or the immediate supervisor, shall notify the parent(s) or legal guardian(s), spouse, or individual identified on the emergency card as appropriate.
4. In the event the police, fire, or rescue department is aware of the accident when the district is notified of the accident, the Building Principal or designee, or the immediate supervisor shall continue to attempt to notify the parent(s) or legal guardian(s), spouse or individual identified on the emergency card as appropriate.
  - a. If the parent(s) or legal guardian(s), spouse or individual identified on the emergency card, is unavailable, the Building Principal or designee, or the immediate supervisor shall discuss the situation, as appropriate, with an associate at the place of employment of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s), spouse, or emergency contact.
  - b. If contacts are unsuccessful, the Building Principal or designee, or the immediate supervisor will attempt to contact relatives, neighbors, or faith-based institutions, as appropriate.
5. The school district may send a staff member to the scene of the accident, if appropriate.

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### R 8420.7 LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES

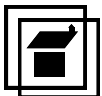
In the event it is determined by the Principal or designee a circumstance or situation requires the school building's occupants to remain secure within the school building, the Principal or designee may implement lockdown procedures. The following procedures shall be enacted during a lockdown which shall begin with notification to the building's occupants that all occupants should commence lockdown procedures. The notification may be a public address announcement or may be a discreet notification depending on the circumstance or situation.

#### A. Procedures in the Event it is Determined a Lockdown is Warranted

1. The Principal and/or designee will immediately:
  - a. Inform the Superintendent;
  - b. Contact local law enforcement;
  - c. Deactivate fire alarm pull stations without disengaging the fire sensors, if feasible, until law enforcement officials arrive on scene; and
  - d. Deactivate school bell systems, if feasible, until law enforcement officials arrive on scene.
2. The Principal and/or designee will also:
  - a. Communicate to any staff outside the building to stop pedestrians and vehicles, including school buses, from entering the school grounds;
  - b. Assign a staff member in the main office to maintain communication with classrooms and monitor status and, if needed, designate a staff member to meet and brief local law enforcement upon their arrival;
  - c. Determine, in consultation and with the approval of the Superintendent, the most appropriate means to communicate information to be released to parents, community, and media; and
  - d. Will allow local law enforcement officials to control the scene upon their arrival.



3. School staff members, upon receiving notice the school needs to be in a lockdown situation, will:
  - a. Turn off all lights, close blinds/shades and turn off electronic equipment;
  - b. Instruct students to be absolutely quiet and discourage the individual use of cellular telephones;
  - c. Instruct classroom occupants to get on the floor in a sitting or crouching position and direct students away from doors and windows wherever possible;
  - d. Close and lock doors and windows from inside the room, if possible;
  - e. Secure all staff, students and visitors, including those from hallways, behind locked doors, restrooms, gymnasiums, and other non-classroom areas without risking their own safety or the safety of others already secure;
  - f. Not permit anyone to leave a secured room or area until notified by the Principal or designee or law enforcement officials; and
  - g. Ignore bells or alarms unless otherwise notified by the Principal or designee or law enforcement officials.
4. Any school staff member not supervising students at the time of the lockdown notification should go to the nearest classroom or secure area to assist other staff members with students. These staff members should ensure any students in hallways and other unsecured and open areas are taken to the nearest classroom and/or secured area.
5. Teachers shall take student attendance for the students within their secured area and report any additional students in the room and any missing students.
6. Office personnel should remain in the general office areas or any other area that can be secured from the inside. All office doors shall be locked and secured to prevent entrance by an outside intruder.
7. The building's occupants should remain in lockdown condition until an announcement indicating the lockdown is over.



8. Lockdown Procedures for Those in Exposed Areas - Physical education classes using outside facilities shall, under the direction of the teacher, report to the nearest school entrance and upon entering the building locate to a secure classroom or location within the building. If there is reason to believe these students may be at risk re-entering the building, the students may be directed to another secure location off school grounds and/or away from the building.
- B. Procedures After Lockdown Situation is Brought Under Control
1. After the lockdown situation has been brought under control, the Principal or designee or law enforcement officials will communicate to building occupants the lockdown situation has ended.
  2. Evacuation of the building after the lockdown situation has been declared under control shall be under the direction of the Principal or designee and law enforcement officials.
  3. The Principal or designee, in consultation and with the approval of the Superintendent, will coordinate family reuniting procedures.
  4. The school district will provide school district staff and other school district crisis response team members to provide counseling and support as needed.
  5. The Principal or designee will debrief with local law enforcement and all other agencies involved in the school lockdown situation.

These lockdown procedures are recommended for implementation in the event it is determined a lockdown is needed. However, based on the circumstance or situation, the Principal or designee or law enforcement officials may modify these procedures if he/she determines modification is needed to best protect the building's occupants.

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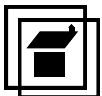


### R 8420.10 ACTIVE SHOOTER

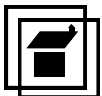
An active shooter or armed assault in a school building or on school grounds involves one or more individuals' intent on causing physical harm to students and school staff. Intruders may possess weapons or other harmful devices. In an active shooter situation, one or more subjects who are believed to be armed has used or threatened to use a weapon to inflict serious bodily injury to another person and/or continues to do so while having unrestricted access to additional victims, their actions have demonstrated their intent to continuously harm others, and their overriding objective appears to be that of mass injury.

#### A. Procedures in the Event of an Active Shooter in the School or on School Grounds

1. If the Principal or designee determines there is an active shooter in the school or on school grounds he/she will immediately:
  - a. Order a lockdown of the school building. The notification may be a public address announcement or may be a discreet notification depending on the circumstance or situation;
  - b. Contact local law enforcement;
  - c. Inform the Superintendent;
  - d. Deactivate fire alarm pull stations without disengaging the fire sensors, if feasible, until law enforcement officials arrive on scene;
  - e. Deactivate school bell systems, if feasible, until law enforcement officials arrive on scene; and
  - f. Direct staff and students outside the building, if the active shooter is believed to be in the building, to move immediately to a predetermined evacuation assembly location and be prepared to evacuate the school site, if necessary.
2. The Principal and/or designee will also:
  - a. Communicate to any staff outside the building to stop pedestrians and vehicles, including school buses, from entering the school grounds;



- b. Assign a staff member in the main office to maintain communication with classrooms and monitor status and, if needed, designate a staff member to meet and brief local law enforcement upon their arrival;
  - c. Determine, in consultation and with the approval of the Superintendent, the most appropriate means to communicate information to be released to parents, community, and media; and
  - d. Will allow local law enforcement officials to control the scene upon their arrival.
3. School staff members, upon receiving notice there may be an intruder or active shooter in the school building or on school grounds, will:
- a. If not already confirmed, upon first indication of an intruder or armed intruder will immediately notify the Principal or designee;
  - b. Turn off all lights, close blinds/shades, and turn off electronic equipment;
  - c. Instruct students to be absolutely quiet and not to use any individual electronic communication device;
  - d. Instruct classroom occupants to get on the floor in a sitting or crouching position and direct students away from doors and windows wherever possible;
  - e. Close and lock doors and windows from inside the room, if possible;
  - f. Secure all staff, students, and visitors, including those in the hallways, behind locked doors, restrooms, gymnasiums, and other non-classroom building areas without risking their own safety or the safety of others already secure;
  - g. Not permit anyone to leave a secured room or area until notified by the Principal or designee or law enforcement officials; and
  - h. Ignore bells or alarms unless otherwise notified by the Principal or designee or law enforcement officials.



4. Any school staff member not supervising students at the time of the lockdown notification should go to the nearest classroom or secure area to assist other staff members with students. These staff members should ensure any person in hallways and other unsecured and open areas are taken to the nearest classroom and/or secured area.
  5. Teachers shall take student attendance for the students within their secured area and report any additional students in the room and any missing students.
  6. Office personnel should remain in the general office areas or any other area that can be secured. All office doors shall be locked and secured to prevent entrance by an outside intruder.
  7. The building's occupants should remain in lockdown condition until an announcement indicating the lockdown is over.
  8. Physical education classes using outside facilities, under the direction and supervision of the teacher, shall report to the nearest school entrance and upon entering the building locate to a secure classroom or location within the building. If there is reason to believe students outside the school building may be at risk re-entering the building, the students may be directed to another secure location off school grounds and/or away from the building.
  9. The school may establish a predetermined code word or procedure for a staff member to communicate with the school office or administrative staff in the event an intruder enters a classroom or other secured area.
  10. The Principal or designee may establish with local law enforcement officials a notification procedure in the event an active shooter or intruder is believed to be in the school building. The notification procedure would alert law enforcement officials if a classroom or other secured area is safe and secure or if emergency assistance is needed. The procedure may be a color card system placing colored cards inside or outside doors or windows or any other procedure agreed to by the Principal and local law enforcement.
- B. Procedures After Active Shooter Situation is Brought Under Control
1. After the active shooter situation has been brought under control, the Principal or designee or law enforcement officials will communicate to building occupants the active shooter situation has ended.





2. Evacuation of the building after the active shooter situation has been declared under control shall be under the direction of the Principal or designee and law enforcement officials.
3. The Principal or designee, in consultation and with the approval of the Superintendent, will coordinate family reunification procedures.
4. The school district will provide school district staff and other crisis response team members to provide counseling and support as needed.
5. The Principal or designee will debrief with local law enforcement and all other agencies involved in the active shooter situation.
6. The Superintendent, in consultation with the Principal and law enforcement officials, will determine when school can resume normal activities and will communicate this information to staff, parents, and the community.

These active shooter procedures are recommended for implementation in the event it is determined an active shooter may be in a school building or on school grounds. However, based on the circumstance or situation, the Principal or designee or law enforcement officials may modify these procedures if he/she determines modification is needed to best protect the building's occupants.

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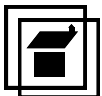
### R 8431 TOXIC HAZARD PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

The following procedures are established to guide the Toxic Catastrophe Preparedness Officer in the implementation of Policy No. 8431.

1. The Toxic Hazard Preparedness (THP) Officer should obtain municipal tax maps of the area within the survey zone and mark on the maps the location of each facility that is potentially dangerous: chemical plants, waste treatment plants, industrial plants, dumps, storage yards, hazardous waste disposal sites, and so forth.
2. The THP Officer should contact county health departments and the fire and police departments in municipalities within the survey zone to determine which, if any, have completed a plan for emergency response to industrial accidents.
3. The THP Officer should contact the county health department and local fire and police departments and solicit their cooperation in determining the facilities that may pose a danger to the district school.
4. The THP officer may obtain information regarding compliance with the Worker and Community Right to Know Act by calling 609-984-3219. Information regarding compliance with the Toxic Catastrophe Prevention Act may be obtained by calling the project office at 609-984-3641. A copy of a facility's environmental survey may be requested by written request to:

New Jersey Department of  
Environmental Protection  
401 East State Street  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

5. The THP Officer should visit each of the facilities identified and attempt to enlist the aid of the plant manager. Without suggesting that the plant is mismanaged or a threat to the community, the THP officer should seek the plant manager's cooperation in:
  - a. Notifying immediately the district central office and, if appropriate, the Principal in the event of an accident that might adversely affect students and staff members;
  - b. Suggesting appropriate measures to be taken in response to an accident;



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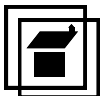
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- c. Suggesting appropriate emergency equipment and supplies that should be kept on hand in the school nurse's office for use in the event of an industrial accident; and
  - d. Training the district nursing staff in coping with the consequences of exposure to a hazardous substance.
6. The THP Officer shall request local fire and police officers to notify school officials immediately in the event of an industrial accident known to them which might adversely affect students and school staff members. The THP Officer shall also request the aid of fire and police officers as circumstances dictate.
7. The THP Officer will assist the Superintendent in planning and implementing an in-service program to train school district employees in recognizing a toxic condition and responding properly to the hazard.

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### R 8441 CARE OF INJURED AND ILL PERSONS

#### A. Injuries and/or Illness Requiring Immediate Attention

These regulations apply when a student, staff member, visitor, or other person on school grounds or during a school-sponsored event, activity, or field trip is injured or becomes suddenly ill. A school staff member shall take charge under these circumstances until the school nurse or another medical professional arrives on the scene.

1. The injury or illness shall be reported immediately to the school nurse or, in the absence of the school nurse, to the Principal or designee.
2. If it is evident the illness or injury is serious and immediate medical attention may be required, emergency medical assistance shall be immediately summoned by a telephone call to 911.
3. The injured or ill person shall be examined for any obvious injuries or health problems.
4. The injured or ill person shall be checked for the presence of a necklace or bracelet that identifies a particular medical problem.
5. The injured or ill person shall not be moved, except as may be necessary to remove the person from a dangerous environment.
6. The injured or ill person should be made as comfortable as possible, without moving him/her.
7. No food or liquid should be given to the injured or ill person except on the orders of the school nurse or another medical professional.
8. The injured or ill person shall be informed when emergency medical assistance has been contacted.

#### B. Emergency First Aid Procedures

1. The school nurse or other medical professional will administer emergency first aid to an injured student, staff member, or visitor.



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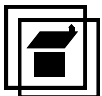
2. In the event the school nurse or other medical professional is not available or before the school nurse or other medical professional arrives, the school staff member or other adult in charge may administer basic first aid to the injured or ill person until the school nurse or other trained medical professional arrives.
  - a. The school nurse will develop, in consultation with the school physician, basic emergency first aid procedures in the event a school staff member may be in the position to provide emergency first aid to an injured or ill person until the school nurse or other medical professional arrives on the scene.
  - b. The school nurse will make such basic emergency first aid procedures available to school staff members.

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### R 8451 CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

- A. Detection of Communicable Diseases
1. Teachers will be trained to detect communicable diseases in students by recognizing the symptoms of disease.
  2. In general, a student who shows one or more of the following symptoms should be sent to the school nurse for evaluation and/or treatment:
    - a. Pain, generalized or specific,
    - b. Chills,
    - c. Fever,
    - d. Earache,
    - e. Vomiting,
    - f. Sore throat,
    - g. Enlarged glands,
    - h. Skin eruption,
    - i. Running nose, or
    - j. Red and discharging eyes.
  3. A student who shows symptoms of any of the following communicable diseases should be sent promptly to the school nurse for evaluation.
    - a. Chicken pox: Small reddish, itchy eruptions on the skin resembling pimples or blisters, which later fill with fluid and form crusts; slight fever.
    - b. German measles (rubella): A common cold followed by a light red rash on face and body; small beady lumps behind ears; slight fever.



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- c. Measles (rubeola): Cold, runny nose, watery and light-sensitive eyes, fever, followed by bluish-white specks (Koplik spots) on inside of mouth, red blotchy rash, and dry cough.
  - d. Mumps: Tenderness and swelling of the salivary glands below and a little in front of the ear; fever.
  - e. Streptococcal infections (including scarlet fever, sore throat, and erysipelas): Sudden onset of fever, sore throat, strawberry tongue, followed by bright red rash on body, usually on the inner arm and thigh.
  - f. Whooping cough (pertussis): A common cold, with irritating cough, followed by repeated series of violent coughs without inhaling, often with respiratory whoops. Cough may end with vomiting.
  - g. Fifth disease (erythema infectiosum): Fine rash that is most apparent on the cheeks and later spreads to arms and legs, low grade fever.
  - h. Pink eye (conjunctivitis): Redness of white areas of eyes, accompanied by some itching; eyes may discharge pus and be light sensitive.
  - i. Head lice (pediculosis): Itching scalp, presence of lice and nits at hair roots.
  - j. Impetigo (staphylococcus infection): Lesions.
  - k. Meningitis-meningococcal: Severe headache, chills, vomiting, convulsions, fever, stiff neck, pain in neck.
  - l. Hepatitis infectious: Fever, anorexia, nausea, malaise, abdominal discomfort, followed by jaundice.
4. Any person who is ill or infected with any disease below and as outlined in N.J.A.C. 8:57-1.3 or any communicable disease, whether confirmed or presumed will be reported immediately by the school Principal to the County Health Officer or to the New Jersey Department of Health if the County Health Officer is not available. Such telephone report will be followed up by a written report or electronic report within twenty-four hours of the initial report. The diseases to be immediately reported are:
- a. Botulism (Clostridium);



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- b. Diphtheria (*Corynebacterium diphtheriae*);
- c. Haemophilus influenzae, invasive disease;
- d. Hepatitis A, institutional settings;
- e. Measles;
- f. Meningoccal disease (*Neisseria meningitidis*);
- g. Pertussis (whooping cough, *bordetella pertussis*);
- h. Plague (*Yersinia pestis*);
- i. Poliomyelitis;
- j. Rabies (human illness);
- k. Rubella;
- l. Viral hemorrhagic fevers, including, but not limited to, Ebola Lassa, and Marburg viruses;
- m. Foodborne intoxications, including, but not limited to, mushroom poisoning;
- n. Any foodborne, waterborne, nosocomial, outbreak or suspected outbreak or any outbreak or suspected outbreak of unknown origin;
- o. Any other disease included in N.J.A.C. 8:57-1.3.

### B. Exclusion From School

- 1. A student who exhibits any of the symptoms described in A2 or whose condition suggests the presence of a communicable disease as described in A3 or A4 will be sent to the school nurse's office. The teacher will ensure that the student is accompanied by an adult or a responsible student.
- 2. The teacher will communicate to the school nurse, directly or by written note, the reason for which the student is sent for medical assessment.





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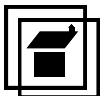
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3. The school nurse will examine the student and, in consultation with the school medical inspector if the student's condition so indicates, recommend to the Principal the student's exclusion from school for medical reasons.
  4. In the event neither the school nurse or the school medical inspector is available to be consulted about the student's condition, the Principal may determine to exclude the student from school.
  5. The parent, adult family member, or other responsible adult designated by the parent will be promptly notified by telephone of the students' exclusion and requested to come to school to fetch the student. Until the adult arrives to remove the student, the student will be kept in an isolated location in the school and will be made as comfortable as possible. The student will be supervised at all times by a school staff member.
- C. Readmission to School
1. A student who has been excluded from school or retained at home by reason of having or being suspected of having a communicable disease shall not be readmitted to school until the student presents written evidence that he/she is free of communicable disease.
  2. Evidence that a student is free of communicable disease will consist of the certification of the school medical inspector or another qualified physician who has personally examined the student.
- No student who has had a communicable disease will be readmitted to school until a physician's certificate indicating the symptoms of the disease have ceased has been provided to the Principal or designee or the school nurse.
- D. Reports
1. The school nurse will file such reports as may be required by the New Jersey State Department of Health and in the reporting of communicable diseases in school.
  2. When the rate of school absenteeism is in excess of fifteen percent, the school nurse shall report the absenteeism to the local and/or the County Board of Health.



3. The teacher may, with the advice and consent of the Principal and the school nurse, inform the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of students in his/her class that a student in the class has contracted a communicable disease. The information given to parents or legal guardians may include the specific symptoms of the disease and parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may be encouraged to consult their personal physicians for inoculations that may prevent the disease or ease the symptoms of the disease.

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R 8461 REPORTING VIOLENCE, VANDALISM, HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION,  
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Any school employee who observes or has direct knowledge from a participant or victim of an act of violence; including harassment, intimidation, and bullying; vandalism; or the possession or distribution of alcohol or other drugs on school grounds, and any school employee who reports a student for being under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, according to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-12 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.3, shall file a report describing the incident to the school Principal, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46. The report shall be on a form to include all of the incident detail and offender and victim information that are reported on the Student Safety Data System (SSDS). A report alleging an incident of harassment, intimidation, or bullying shall be made in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:37-13.1 and Policy 5512.

- A. Reporting Violence; Including Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying; Vandalism; and Alcohol and Other Drug Offenses
1. For each incident report of violence; including harassment, intimidation, and bullying; vandalism; and alcohol and other drug offenses, the Principal shall:
    - a. Review the incident report for accuracy in indicating the incident type, offender information, victim information, student demographics, and incident location;
    - b. Forward a copy of the incident report to the Superintendent; and
    - c. Notify the Superintendent of the action taken regarding the incident.
  2. The Board shall not discharge or subject to any manner of discrimination any school employee who files a report pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.3.
  3. The majority representative of the school employees' bargaining units shall have access monthly to the number and disposition of all reported acts of school violence, vandalism, harassment, intimidation, or bullying pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46.
    - a. Personally identifying information may be provided to the majority representative of the school employees' bargaining units only in instances when school administrators have reason to believe that the safety of a school staff member is at risk.



### B. Reporting Requirements

#### 1. The Superintendent shall:

- a. Submit a report to the New Jersey Department of Education in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46 of each incident of violence, including harassment, intimidation, and bullying, vandalism and alcohol and other drug offenses in the school district utilizing the SSDS;
  - (1) The reports shall be submitted twice each school year, once for all incidents occurring between September 1 and January 1 and once for all incidents occurring between January 1 and June 30, and shall include, at a minimum, all information pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46;
  - (2) Prior to submission, the Superintendent shall verify the accuracy of the reported information;
  - (3) The grade regarding the harassment, intimidation, and bullying efforts of the school and the school district shall be posted on the homepage of the school district's website, in accordance with the guidelines promulgated by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46.
- b. Provide for annual training of staff to prepare them to fulfill the reporting requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.3.

### C. Hearing Requirements

The Superintendent shall report to the Board all acts of violence, including, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, vandalism, and alcohol and other drug offenses that occurred during the previous reporting period, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46.

### D. Knowingly Falsifying the Annual Report on Violence and Vandalism Required Under N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46

1. Whenever it is alleged a school employee has knowingly falsified reported information on acts of violence or vandalism, or any incident included in the annual report on violence and vandalism, the Board shall make a determination regarding whether the employee committed the act.



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2. Any employee alleged to have knowingly falsified reported information shall be notified in writing of such allegation and shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board.
3. Upon a determination by the Board that an employee has knowingly falsified reported information, the Board shall take appropriate disciplinary action.

The Board of Education shall submit and implement corrective action plans for high incidences of violence, vandalism, or alcohol or other drug abuse upon notification by the Commissioner of Education.

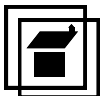
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### R 8462 REPORTING POTENTIALLY MISSING OR ABUSED CHILDREN

#### A. Definitions

1. An “abused child” as defined in N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.9, is a child under the age of eighteen years whose parent, guardian, or other person having his/her custody and control:
  - a. Inflicts or allows to be inflicted upon such child physical injury by other than accidental means which causes or creates a substantial risk of death, or serious or protracted disfigurement, or protracted impairment of physical or emotional health or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ;
  - b. Creates or allows to be created a substantial or ongoing risk of physical injury to such child by other than accidental means which would be likely to cause death or serious protracted disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ;
  - c. Commits or allows to be committed an act of sexual abuse against the child;
  - d. Or a child whose physical, mental, or emotional condition has been impaired or is in imminent danger of becoming impaired as the result of the failure of his/her parent, guardian, or other person having his/her custody and control, to exercise a minimum degree of care: (1) in supplying the child with adequate food, clothing, shelter, education, medical, or surgical care though financially able to do so or though offered financial or other reasonable means to do so; or (2) in providing the child the proper supervision or guardianship, by unreasonably inflicting or allowing to be inflicted harm, or substantial risk thereof, including the infliction of excessive corporal punishment or using excessive physical restraint under circumstances which do not indicate that the child’s behavior is harmful to himself/herself, others or property, or by any other act of similarly serious nature requiring the aid of the court;
  - e. Or a child who has been willfully abandoned by his/her parent, guardian, or other person having his/her custody and control; or



- f. Or a child who is in an institution as defined under N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.21 and:  
(1) has been so placed inappropriately for a continued period of time with the knowledge that the placement has resulted and may continue to result in harm to the child's mental or physical well-being; or (2) has been willfully isolated from ordinary social contact under circumstances which indicate emotional or social deprivation.

A child shall not be considered abused under N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.9 if the acts or omissions described therein occur in a day school as defined in N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.21.

2. An "intern" means a post-secondary student or graduate student in a professional field gaining supervised practical experience.

### B. Indications of Child Abuse and/or Neglect

1. The suspicion of child abuse and/or neglect may be based on the complaints of the child or on the direct observations of the employee, volunteer, or intern. A person should suspect child abuse and/or neglect when certain conditions appear to be present. The conditions may be, but are not limited to, whenever:
  - a. There is evidence of physical injury to a student not likely to have been caused by an accident, regardless of the student's explanation of the injury;
  - b. A student complains of having been injured or having been sexually molested, with or without external signs of physical injury;
  - c. A student appears to be malnourished;
  - d. A student's general condition indicates a persistent want of care, such as clothing inadequate for the weather, inadequate hygiene, lack of sleep, decayed and broken teeth, and the like;
  - e. A student complains of or indicates by other means that he/she has been subjected to threats or emotional abuse;
  - f. A student is excessively apprehensive, fearful, withdrawn, or aggressive;
  - g. A student is afraid to go home after school or arrives to school unreasonably early;



- h. A parent or the caretaker of a child admits having abused the child;
  - i. The removal from school by the parent, guardian, or other person having custody and control of the child that may be an indicator of additional grievous abuses; or
  - j. School district personnel have any other reason to believe that a child has been subject to child abuse and/or neglect, to include but not be limited to, physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, educational abuse, and educational neglect.
- C. Notification Requirements for School District Employees, Volunteers, or Interns
- 1. Employees, volunteers, or interns working in the school district shall immediately notify designated child welfare authorities of incidents of alleged missing, abused, or neglected children.
    - a. The person having reason to believe that a child may be missing or may have been abused or neglected may inform the Principal or other designated school official(s) prior to notifying designated child welfare authorities if the action will not delay immediate notification.
    - b. The person notifying designated child welfare authorities shall inform the Principal or other designated school official(s) of the notification, if such had not occurred prior to the notification.
      - (1) Notice to the Principal or other designated school official(s) need not be given when the person believes the notice would likely endanger the reporter or student involved or when the person believes the disclosure would likely result in retaliation against the student or in discrimination against the reporter with respect to his or her employment.
  - 2. Reports of incidents of alleged missing, abused, or neglected children shall be reported to the New Jersey State Central Registry (SCR) at 1-877 NJ ABUSE or to any other telephone number designated by the appropriate child welfare authorities. If the child is in immediate danger a call shall be placed to 911 as well as to the SCR.



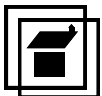


D. School District's Notification to Law Enforcement

1. The Principal or other designated school official(s) upon being notified by a person having reason to believe that a child may be missing or may have been abused or neglected, must notify appropriate law enforcement authorities of incidents of potentially missing, abused, or neglected child situations.
  - a. Notification procedures to child welfare authorities and law enforcement authorities regarding alleged incidents of missing, abused, or neglected children shall be consistent with the Memorandum of Agreement between education and law enforcement authorities pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.2(b)13.
  - b. Notification to appropriate law enforcement authorities shall be made for all reports by employees, volunteers, or interns working in the school district.
    - (1) The notification to appropriate law enforcement authorities on behalf of a student attending a receiving school shall be made to the law enforcement authorities identified in the receiving school's Memorandum of Agreement as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.2(b)13.
2. Confirmation by another person is not required for a school district employee, volunteer, or intern to report the suspected missing, abused, or neglected child situation.

E. School District Cooperation with Designated Law Enforcement Authorities

1. The school district will cooperate with designated child welfare and law enforcement authorities in all investigations of potentially missing, abused, or neglected children.
  - a. Accommodations shall be made permitting the child welfare and law enforcement investigators to interview the student in the presence of the Principal or other designated school official(s).
    - (1) If the student is intimidated by the presence of the school representative, the student shall be requested to name an employee, volunteer, or intern working in the school district whom he or she feels will be supportive, and who will be allowed to accompany the student during the interview.



- b. District administrative and/or supervisory staff members will assist designated child welfare and law enforcement authorities in scheduling interviews with any employee, volunteer, or intern working in the school district who may have information relevant to the investigation.
- c. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-11.1(a)5.iii., the district will release all records of the student who is the subject of the investigation that are deemed to be relevant to the assessment or treatment of a potentially missing, abused, or neglected child pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19, N.J.S.A. 9:8-8.40 and allowable under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 34 CFR Part 99.
- d. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-11.1(a)5.iv., the district will ensure the maintenance, security, and release of all confidential information about potential missing, abused, or neglected child situations is in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19, N.J.S.A. 9:8-8.40, and N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.
  - (1) All information regarding allegations of potentially missing, abused, or neglected children reported to authorities about an employee, volunteer, or intern working in the school district shall be considered confidential and may be disclosed only as required in order to cooperate in investigations pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-11.1(a)2. and 3. or by virtue of a Court Order. Records pertaining to such information shall be maintained in a secure location separate from other employee personnel records and accessible only to the Superintendent or designee.
- e. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-11.1(a)5.v., the district will release the student to child welfare authorities while school is in session when it is necessary to protect the student or take the student to a service provider.
  - (1) Such removal shall take place only after the Principal or other designated school official(s) has been provided, either in advance or at the time removal is sought, with appropriate documentation that the child welfare authority has already removed, or has appropriate authority to remove, the student from his or her home, as specified in N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.27 through 8.30.



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- f. The district will cooperate in the transfer of a student who has been removed from his or her home by designated child welfare authorities for proper care and protection pursuant to N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.28 and 8.29 to another school.
- F. Due Process Rights of a School Employee, Volunteer, or Intern Named As a Suspect
1. An employee, volunteer, or intern working in the school district who has been named as a suspect in a notification to child welfare and law enforcement authorities regarding a missing-, abused-, or neglected-child situation shall be entitled to due process rights.
  2. Temporary reassignment or suspension of an employee, volunteer, or intern working in the school district named as a suspect pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-11.1(a)2 shall occur only if there is reason to believe that the life or health of the alleged victim or other student is in jeopardy due to continued contact between the employee, volunteer, or intern and the student.
  3. All references to a notification to the designated child welfare authorities of a potential missing-, abused-, or neglected-child situation involving a school district employee, shall be removed from the employee's personnel records immediately following the receipt of an official notice from child welfare authorities that the allegation was unfounded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7a.

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### R 8465 HATE CRIMES AND BIAS-RELATED ACTS

#### A. Definitions

1. A hate crime is any criminal offense where the person or persons committing the offense acted with a purpose to intimidate an individual or group of individuals because of race, color, gender, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnicity.
2. A bias-related act is an act directed at a person, group of persons, private property, or public property that is motivated in whole or in part by racial, gender, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnic prejudice. A bias-related act need not involve an act that constitutes a criminal offense. All hate crimes are also bias-related acts, but not all bias-related acts will constitute a hate crime.

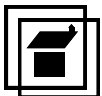
#### B. Procedure For Reporting Hate Crimes

1. A school employee will notify the Building Principal whenever the school employee, in the course of his/her employment, develops reason to believe that:
  - a. A hate crime has been committed or is about to be committed on school property; or
  - b. A hate crime has been or is about to be committed by any student, whether on or off school property and whether or not such offense was or is about to be committed during operating school hours; or
  - c. That a student enrolled in the school has been or is about to become the victim of a hate crime, whether committed on school property or during school hours.
2. The Building Principal will notify the Superintendent, the local police department and Bias Incident Officer for the county prosecutor's office.
3. The Principal and the Superintendent shall notify the local police department and the county prosecutor's office immediately if there is reason to believe that a hate crime that involves an act of violence has been or is about to be physically committed against a student or there is otherwise reason to believe that a life has been or will be threatened.



### C. Procedure For Reporting Bias Incidents

1. A school employee should immediately notify the Building Principal whenever the school employee, in the course of his/her employment, develops reason to believe that:
  - a. A bias-related act has been committed or is about to be committed on school property; or
  - b. A bias-related act has been or is about to be committed by any student, whether on or off school property and whether or not such bias-related act was or is to be committed during school hours.
2. The Building Principal will notify the Superintendent and the local police department.
3. In deciding whether to refer the matter of a bias-related act to the local police department or the county prosecutor's office, the Building Principal and the Superintendent, should consider:
  - a. The nature and seriousness of the conduct; and
  - b. The risk that the conduct posed to the health, safety and well-being of any student, school employee or member of the general public.
4. The Building Principal will consult with the Superintendent and should consider:
  - a. That the police department or the county prosecutor's office may possess, or have access to, other information that could put the suspected bias-related act in proper context, which could shed light on the motivation for the act or some other unsolved hate crime; and
  - b. The possibility that the suspected incident could escalate or result in some form of retaliation that might occur within or outside school property.



D. Nature of Referral

1. The mandatory referral for suspected or committed hate crimes and the presumptive referral for suspected or committed bias-related acts as described in the regulation is only a request to the law enforcement agencies to conduct an investigation and is nothing more than the transmittal of information which may be pertinent to any such law enforcement investigation.
2. Any referral in accordance with this regulation is not an accusation or formal charge.
3. Any referral pursuant to this regulation is predicated on the basis of reasonable suspicion, which is less than probable cause, less than the proof sufficient to sustain an adjudication of delinquency or a finding of guilt in a court of law and less than the proof sufficient to justify the imposition of school discipline.
4. All doubts by school officials should be resolved in favor of referring a matter to the local police department or the county prosecutor's office.

E. Concurrent Jurisdiction

1. Unless the local police department or the county prosecutor's office request otherwise, the school district may continue to investigate a suspected hate crime or bias-related act occurring on school property and may take such actions as necessary and appropriate to redress and remediate any such acts.
2. The school officials will discontinue the in-school investigation if the local police department or the county prosecutor's office believe the school investigation could jeopardize an on-going law enforcement investigation or otherwise endanger the public safety.

F. Preservation of Evidence

1. School officials will secure and preserve any such graffiti or other evidence of a suspected hate crime or bias-related act pending the arrival of the local police department or the county prosecutor's office.



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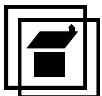
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2. The school officials, when feasible, will cover or conceal such evidence until the arrival of the local police department or county prosecutor's office in a manner designed to minimize the harm and continued exposure to students by such evidence, but that will not permanently damage or destroy such evidence or otherwise limit its utility in an ongoing investigation or prosecution.
3. The local police department and/or the county prosecutor's office will photograph or otherwise document the location and content of any such graffiti or other bias-based evidence as soon as possible, so that the graffiti or other evidence may be removed or eliminated at the school district's earliest opportunity.

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### R 8467 WEAPONS

#### A. Definitions

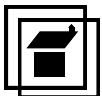
“Weapon” includes:

1. Firearms, which include but are not limited to, any handgun, rifle, shotgun, machine gun, automatic or semi-automatic rifle, or any gun, device, or instrument in the nature of a weapon from which may be fired or ejected any solid projectile ball, slug, pellet, missile, or bullet, or any gas, vapor or other noxious thing, by means of a cartridge or shell or by the action of an explosive or the igniting of flammable or explosive substances. It also includes any firearm that is in the nature of an air gun, spring gun or pistol or other weapon of a similar nature in which the propelling force is a spring, elastic band, carbon dioxide, compressed or other gas or vapor, air or compressed air, or is ignited by compressed air, and ejecting a bullet or missile smaller than three-eighths of an inch in diameter, with sufficient force to injure a person. Firearms for the purposes of this regulation means those items enumerated in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1f and 18 U.S.C. 921.
2. Components that can be readily assembled into a weapon.
3. Gravity knives, which means any knife that has a blade that is released from the handle or sheath thereof by the force of gravity or the application of centrifugal force.
4. Switchblade knives, which means any knife or similar device that has a blade that opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring, or other device in the handle of the knife.
5. Daggers, dirks, pen knives, box cutters, stilettos, and other dangerous knives.
6. Ballistic knives, which means any device capable of lethal use that can propel a knife blade.
7. Billies, blackjacks, bludgeons, metal knuckles, sandclubs, slingshots, cesti or similar leather bands studded with metal filings or razor blades imbedded in wood.
8. Stun guns, which means any weapon or other device that emits an electrical charge or current intended to temporarily or permanently disable a person.





9. Any device that projects, releases, or emits tear gas or any other substance intended to produce temporary physical discomfort or permanent injury through being vaporized or otherwise dispensed in the air.
  10. Imitation firearms, which means an object or device reasonably capable of being mistaken for a firearm.
- B. Confiscation
1. A school employee who confiscates any weapon shall immediately notify the school Principal.
  2. The Principal shall immediately notify the Chief of Police of the local police department by telephone that a weapon has been confiscated and shall request removal of the weapon by a police officer. The telephone call shall be confirmed in a written letter.
  3. The Principal shall safeguard the weapon until a law enforcement officer takes custody of it.
    - a. The Principal shall place the weapon in a box or container.
    - b. The Principal shall record or cause to be recorded on the container or on a document attached to the container,
      - (1) A description of the weapon;
      - (2) The name and signature of the person who confiscated the weapon;
      - (3) The date, time, and place the weapon was confiscated;
      - (4) The circumstances under which the weapon was confiscated; and
      - (5) The name of the student or staff member believed to be in possession of the weapon when it was confiscated.
    - c. The container will be placed in a secure location under lock and key and under the Principal's direct control.

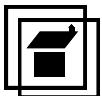


- d. In the event any person other than the Principal is permitted access to the weapon prior to its retrieval by a law enforcement officer, that person shall enter his/her name and signature on the record along with the time and date of inspection and the reason for the access. Access to the weapon will be permitted only in the presence of the Principal.
  - e. The law enforcement officer who takes custody of the weapon shall be required to sign and date the record to indicate his/her receipt of the substance or item.
4. The Principal shall provide to the law enforcement officer who takes custody of the weapon:
- a. All information concerning the manner in which it was confiscated;
  - b. The identity of all persons who had custody of the weapon following its confiscation; and
  - c. The identity of any student or staff member believed to have been in possession of the weapon.
- C. Evacuation
1. The Principal shall, in accordance with Regulation No. 8420, direct the immediate evacuation of the school building or the appropriate portion thereof in the event that:
    - a. The presence of an incendiary device or explosive is known or is reasonably reliably suspected;
    - b. A person possessing a firearm or incendiary device or explosive refuses to surrender the weapon and the use of force necessary to confiscate the weapon would place another person at serious risk; or
    - c. The Principal in his/her judgment believes that the school community is at risk and the building should be evacuated.
  2. Regular evacuation routes may be modified as required to protect students and staff members from danger.



3. Law enforcement officers shall be summoned immediately to any school building evacuated under this regulation.
- D. Removal of Students from Educational Program
1. A student convicted or found to be delinquent for possessing a firearm on any school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored function or a student committing a crime with a firearm shall be immediately removed from the school's regular education program for a period of not less than one calendar year in accordance with Chapters 127 and 128 of 1995, The Zero Tolerance for Guns Act and Policy No. 5611.
  2. A student who assaults a member of the school community with a weapon other than a firearm on school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored function must be immediately removed from the school's regular education program in accordance with Chapters 127 and 128 of 1995, The Zero Tolerance for Guns Act and Policy No. 5611.
  3. Removal of a student for reasons enumerated in this Regulation shall be in accordance with Policy and Regulation No. 5611.
  4. The Building Principal will immediately notify the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) if the student is found to be in possession of a firearm on school property or if a student commits an assault upon members of the school community with a weapon other than a firearm on school property.

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### R 8468 CRISIS RESPONSE

In responding to a crisis situation, the school administration and staff shall implement the following procedures:

#### A. LEVEL I - Threat Situation

In the event of an overt threat to an individual:

1. Anyone becoming aware of such a threat shall, without delay, report the nature of this threat, and any details known about the threat to the Building Principal or their immediate supervisor.
2. The administrator/supervisor, upon receipt of such a report, shall isolate and contain the individual(s) reported to have made said threat. Such action is to be taken only if it is possible to do so without further jeopardizing the safety of the individual threatened, or any other individual on the school premises.
3. If the physical safety of any individual is, or might be jeopardized by an attempt to isolate or contain the individual in question, the local law enforcement authorities shall be contacted for their assistance.
4. Whenever possible, the building supervisor or administrator shall cause any and all other individuals present to be removed from the immediate and surrounding location, to a place of safety.
5. In those instances in which weapons, and/or potentially dangerous materials are discovered to be involved, the local law enforcement authorities shall immediately be notified in accordance with Policy and Regulation Nos. 5611 and 8467.
6. The building administrator or supervisor shall, at earliest opportunity, report to the Superintendent the existence of any crisis situation, the status of that situation and any action contemplated or taken by the building administrator.
7. In the absence of an imminent threat to any individual(s) (such as those outlined in #3 or #5 above), the Superintendent may choose to consult with others in determining an appropriate response to the threat situation; e.g., Board Attorney, administrator in whose school the threat has occurred. The Superintendent may also:



- a. Convene a meeting of the Crisis Team and/or any members of that Team for consultation regarding an appropriate course of action.
  - b. Direct the administrator to:
    - (1) Contact the parents of the individual(s) involved, and require their immediate presence at school to discuss the nature of the threat.
    - (2) Immediately suspend the student(s) from school, pending further action.
    - (3) When applicable, place suspended student(s) on Homebound Instruction, pending evaluation by the Child Study Team.
    - (4) If deemed necessary, report the incident to the local police authorities.
  - c. In instances in which weapons have been involved, initiate suspension or expulsion proceedings in accordance with Policy and Regulation No. 5611.
8. Upon resolution of a Level I situation, counseling services may be provided to individual(s) who have been adversely affected. Such services may be made available through the Guidance Department, Child Study Team or through a referral to an outside agency.
  9. The Superintendent or his/her designee, shall report to the Board concerning the relevant details of the Level I crisis situation; specifically, those actions contemplated or taken, and the resultant outcome.
- B. Level II - Crisis in Progress

During the commission of an act of terrorism, hostage situation or other violence, the jurisdiction of the local/State Police authority is recognized.

1. Aware that such an act is in progress, the administrator shall, without delay, notify the local, state or county law enforcement authorities.
2. The school shall place at the disposal of the law enforcement authorities, all personnel and information that might be supportive and useful in resolving the crisis.

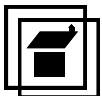


3. The Crisis Team may be immediately convened.
  4. The Crisis Team may be briefed on the status of the situation, and will act in an informational and advisory capacity to the Superintendent or his/her designee, and local enforcement agency during the crisis.
  5. The Crisis Team members will provide assistance and services as needed to help maintain order. Efforts should also be directed toward generating a sense of control in students, staff and members of the community.
  6. The Superintendent or his/her designee, shall act as the primary disseminator of information to the press, public and staff concerning the ongoing crisis. He/she may elect to consult with the local, state or county law enforcement authorities and/or Crisis Team in determining the nature and extent of information to be released. Consideration shall be given to the possible effects the release of information might have on:
    - a. The safety of individuals immediately involved in the situation;
    - b. The reactions or interpretation of the staff, students or community;
    - c. The effect upon law enforcement efforts to resolve the crisis.
- C. Level III - Aftermath
- Upon resolution of a Level II situation, the Crisis Team shall convene to determine the status of the student body, staff and community; and to determine the steps needed to reestablish a normalized psychological/social environment.
1. The Crisis Team shall consider and make recommendations concerning:
    - a. Individuals who are in need of referral to in-school counseling services;
    - b. Individuals who need to be referred to agencies or private counselors;
    - c. Steps to be taken by staff in dealing with student questions, concerns and fears related to the crisis. To accomplish this, a faculty meeting of the entire staff shall be held as soon as time and circumstances allow;



- d. Information to be provided to the classroom teacher which may be shared with students with the objective of reducing fear, rumor, and promoting a calming and healing atmosphere;
  - e. Debriefing opportunities for staff members who have questions, concerns and fears related to the crisis;
  - f. Directions to the staff regarding appropriate/inappropriate media contact.
2. The Crisis Team shall:
    - a. Review the crisis policy and procedures currently in effect;
    - b. Make suggestions to the Superintendent or his/her designee, for modifications in policy and procedures which have potential for dealing with future incidents.
  3. The Superintendent or his/her designee, shall communicate to the Board of Education, information concerning the resolution of the crisis situation, details of actions contemplated or taken and recommendations for changes in policy or procedure.
  4. Individuals who are members of the student population, and are found to be culpable in the commission of any threat or act as indicated above, shall be subject to:
    - a. Criminal law pertaining to such acts and individuals.
    - b. The civil law pertaining to such acts and individuals.
    - c. New Jersey Education Law and Codes (Regular or Special Education) as they pertain to such acts and individuals.

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### R 8600 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

#### General Requirements - Students Remote From School

A. The Board will transport:

1. Students who reside remote, as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1. and N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.4(a)1. and (a)2., from their assigned district school of attendance;
2. Nonpublic school students who reside remote from their school of attendance and meet the eligibility criteria of N.J.A.C. 6A:27-2.1 et seq.;
3. Charter school or renaissance school students pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-3.1 et seq.;
4. Students with special needs shall be provided transportation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq. and with their Individualized Education Program (IEP) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-5.1;
5. School choice students pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-4.1 et seq.; and
6. Special population students pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-6.2 through 6.5.

#### Hazardous Routes

The Board will approve all bus routes each school year. Bus routes for all non-remote students who must walk to and from school along hazardous routes will be designated and approved by the Board. The Board will approve a list of hazardous routes in the district requiring the courtesy busing of students and the criteria used in designating the hazardous routes. In adopting Policy and Regulation 8600 and the list of hazardous routes, the Board may consider, but shall not be limited to, the criteria outlined in N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.5 as follows:

1. Population density;
2. Traffic volume;
3. Average vehicle velocity;
4. Existence or absence of sufficient sidewalk space;





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5. Roads and highways that are winding or have blind curves;
6. Roads and highways with steep inclines and declines;
7. Drop-offs that are in close proximity to a sidewalk;
8. Bridges or overpasses that must be crossed to reach the school;
9. Train tracks or trestles that must be crossed to reach the school; and
10. Busy roads or highways that must be crossed to reach the school.

A school district shall work in conjunction with municipal officials in determining the criteria necessary for the designation of a hazardous route.

### Cooperative/Coordinated Transportation Services

- A. The Board shall utilize cooperative/coordinated transportation services in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:39-11.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C 6A:27-10.1 et seq.

### School Bus Use and Standards

- A. All school buses bid or purchased shall be equipped in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 39:3B-10 – School Bus Safety Equipment.
- B. School bus drivers and all school bus passengers shall be required to wear seat belts when transported in school buses so equipped. Seat belts shall be fastened when the driver and passengers board the vehicle and they shall be kept fastened at all times while on board the vehicle. Seat belts may be unfastened only when the individual is departing the vehicle. The Board further requires that drivers and passengers using private vehicles to transport students wear seat belts in the same manner.
- C. There shall be displayed on every bus subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:3B-1, signs or legends which will, insofar as practicable, inform the driver of any vehicle concerning the duty imposed upon him/her by law with respect to passing a bus, while it is loading or unloading. The signs or legends shall be in a color, form, and design as will meet the requirements prescribed by the State Board of Education.

An agency, Board of Directors, nonpublic school, or school bus contractor operating a school bus subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:3B-1 shall display across the rear of the school bus a telephone number, website address, or other identifying information which shall allow the public to report a bus driver's misconduct while operating the school bus to the Board of Directors or nonpublic school for which the school bus provides transportation. The lettering shall be of a color that contrasts with the color of the school bus.

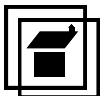


- The Board of Directors or nonpublic school shall comply with New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) regulations regarding: the appropriate Board of Directors or nonpublic school official or designee to address and respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct; the appropriate actions which a Board of Directors or nonpublic school may take to respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct; and the time period during which a Board of Directors or nonpublic school may act to respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:3B-2.1.
- D. The Board requires every school bus bid or purchased that is used to transport public, non-public, charter, and/or renaissance school students will be equipped with a crossing control arm at the right front corner of the bus. The arm must open and extend out from the bus at least five feet each time the bus door is opened.
- E. School bus purchase, use, and standards must meet Federal and State standards and must be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. – Public School Contracts Law.

### Operation and Management of Transportation System

- A. The Transportation Coordinator shall
1. Prepare a map of the district on which each bus stop and bus route is indicated or, alternatively, prepare an itinerary of bus routes that may be used in conjunction with a map of the school district;
  2. Prepare and promulgate procedures to be followed in the event of a bus emergency, bus safety, bus driver training and rules governing the conduct of all students transported by the Board in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.1 et seq. and 6A:27-12.1 et seq.;
  3. Maintain such records and make such reports regarding school transportation as are required by the State Board of Education; and
  4. Prepare the specifications for each bus route or contract for which proposals will be sought by the Board in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-9.1 et seq.
- B. The operation and fiscal management of the district's transportation system shall be conducted in strict accordance with rules of the State Board of Education and the NJDOE.

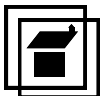
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### R 8630 EMERGENCY SCHOOL BUS PROCEDURES

#### A. Staff Training

1. The employer shall administer a safety education program for all permanent and substitute school bus drivers and school bus aides that it employs. At a minimum, the training shall include:
  - a. Student management and discipline;
  - b. School bus accident and emergency procedures;
  - c. Conducting school bus emergency exit drills;
  - d. Loading and unloading procedures;
  - e. School bus stop loading zone safety;
  - f. Inspecting the school vehicle for students left on board the bus at the end of a route; and
  - g. The use of student's educational records, including the employee's responsibility to ensure the privacy of the student and his or her records, if applicable.
2. The employer shall administer a safety education program to school bus drivers that includes defensive driving techniques and railroad crossing procedures.
3. The employer shall administer the safety education program, as set forth in A.1. and 2. above, twice per calendar year to all permanent and substitute school bus drivers and school bus aides it employs in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-19.1a.
4. The employer shall be responsible to administer a Commissioner of Education-developed training program on proper procedures for interacting with students with special needs in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:39-19.2 and 18A:39-19.3 for all school bus drivers and school bus aides:



- a. In the case of a school bus driver or aide who is employed prior to the development and availability of the training program, the employer shall administer the training program to the individual no later than one hundred and eighty days after the training program is made available by the Commissioner;
- b. In the case of a school bus driver or aide who is employed after the development and availability of the training program, the employer shall administer the training program to the individual prior to that individual operating a school bus or serving as an aide on a school bus;
- c. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A.18A:39-19.3.b., the employer shall require a school bus driver or school bus aide to file a certification with the employer that the individual has completed the training program required as per N.J.S.A. 18A:39-19.2 within five business days of its completion. The employer shall retain a copy of the certification for the duration of the individual's employment, and shall forward a copy of the certification to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE); and/or
- d. Contractors that provide student transportation services under a contract with the Board of Directors shall comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:39-19.2 and 19.3 and N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.1 et seq.

### B. Emergency Bus Evacuation Drills

1. The Principal or designee of the school shall organize and conduct emergency bus exit drills at least twice within the school year for students who are transported to and from school and all other students shall receive school bus evacuation instruction at least once within the school year.
2. School bus drivers and bus aides shall participate in the emergency exit drills.
3. Bus exit drills will be conducted on school property and shall be supervised by the Principal or by a person assigned to act in a supervisory capacity. The drills will be conducted when weather is conducive to safety and preferably when the bus arrives at school with a full complement of students.

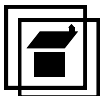


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4. The portion of the drill involving the use of the rear emergency door, which requires students to jump from the bus to the ground does need not to be performed by every student and may be demonstrated by others.
5. The school bus driver or supervisor of the drill shall:
  - a. Describe and demonstrate the use of kick-out windows and split-sash windows;
  - b. Describe the location and use of flares, flags, fire ax, and other emergency equipment;
  - c. Give instruction in the opening and closing of front and rear doors, turning off the ignition switch, and setting and releasing the emergency brake;
  - d. Explain that the bus will be evacuated by the front door when the bus is damaged in the rear and by the rear door when the front door is blocked;
  - e. Demonstrate the use of the emergency exit door;
  - f. Instruct students that lunches and books should be left on the bus in the evacuation procedure;
  - g. Encourage older, bigger students to assist younger, smaller students in their exit from the bus;
  - h. Have students leave the bus one row at a time, left and right sides alternating, in a prompt and orderly fashion;
  - i. Instruct students to group a safe distance away from the bus and to wait in that place until directed by the driver, a police officer, or other adult in authority;
  - j. Tolerate no student misbehavior in the conduct of the drill; the failure of any student to follow directions must be reported to the Principal; and
  - k. Provide any other training required by Federal and State law or as deemed appropriate by the Board that will protect the safety of the students in the event the bus needs to be exited due to an emergency.



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6. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2(d), emergency bus evacuation drills shall be documented in the minutes of the Board at the first meeting following completion of the emergency exit drill. The minutes shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
    - a. The date of the drill;
    - b. The time the drill was conducted;
    - c. The school name;
    - d. The location of the drill;
    - e. The route number(s) included in the drill; and
    - f. The name of the Principal or assigned person(s) who supervised the drill.
- C. Additional Precautions
1. School bus drivers may, depending on the age of the students on a bus route, discuss with the students additional safety precautions that may be taken in the event of a bus emergency. The safety precautions to be discussed shall be approved by the Director of Transportation.
  2. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:39-19.4, the Commissioner of Education shall develop a student information card that includes information that should be readily available to a school bus driver and school bus aide for the purpose of promoting proper interaction with a student with special needs. The parent of a student with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) shall complete the student information card when the IEP is developed or amended for a student who receives transportation services.
    - a. Upon receiving consent from a student's parent, the school district shall provide a copy of the completed student information card to a school bus driver and school bus aide for each student on the bus route to which the school bus driver or school bus aide is assigned for whom a student information card has been completed by the parent.

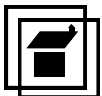


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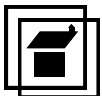
3. School bus drivers shall attend training workshops offered by the NJDOE and this school district and shall be trained in first aid.
4. Each school bus shall be equipped with:
  - a. A list of the students assigned to that bus;
  - b. A basic first aid kit;
  - c. Several emergency notice cards on which are printed the telephone numbers of the appropriate police department, the receiving school, and an emergency medical service and on which is provided a space for writing the location of a disabled school bus and the name of the bus driver;
  - d. Flags or flares or other warning devices; and
  - e. Any other equipment or supplies determined to be included on the school bus by the administration.
5. Each school bus driver shall:
  - a. Inspect his/her bus for possible hazards or safety concerns before driving the bus each day;
  - b. Keep aisles and passageways clear at all times;
  - c. Maintain student discipline on the bus;
  - d. Prohibit the presence of any non-service animal, firearm, ammunition, weapon, explosive, or any other dangerous or illegal material or object on the school bus;
  - e. Report promptly to the Director of Transportation any potential driving hazard on his/her route, such as construction, road work, etc.;
  - f. Report promptly to the Director of Transportation any deviation in the bus route or schedule;
  - g. Drive within speed limits at all times and exercise extraordinary care in inclement weather;



- h. Know and obey all motor vehicle laws and regulations and State Board of Education regulations;
- i. Not smoke, eat, or drink while in or operating the bus at any time or perform any act or behave in any manner that may impair the safe operation of the school bus;
- j. Inspect the school vehicle for students left on board the bus at the end of a route; and
- k. Not allow a student on board a school bus unless the bus driver or other employee of the Board or school bus contractor is also on board the bus. This shall not apply when a school bus driver leaves the bus to assist in the boarding or exiting of a disabled student or in the case of an emergency.

#### D. General Emergency Rules

1. School bus drivers are responsible for the safety of the students on their bus. In the event of an emergency, school bus drivers must exercise responsible leadership. The safety and well-being of students must be the drivers' paramount consideration. School bus drivers shall stay with their students until another school staff member, law enforcement officer, or a first responder can assume responsibility for the safety of the students.
2. School bus drivers may not leave the school bus when children are aboard except in an emergency and, then, only after they have turned off the engine, removed the ignition key, and safely secured the school bus.
3. A school bus must be evacuated when:
  - a. There is a fire in the engine or any other portion of the bus;
  - b. There is a danger of fire because the bus is near an existing fire or a quantity of gasoline or other highly combustible material and is unable to move away;
  - c. The bus is disabled for any reason and:
    - (1) Its stopping point is in the path of a train or is adjacent to a railroad track;







- b. The school bus driver will attempt to make all students as safe and comfortable as possible. If possible and necessary, the driver will administer emergency first aid to injured students.
- c. In the event of an accident with no apparent or actual injuries and when law enforcement officials permit the bus to continue on its route after investigating the accident the school nurse will:
  - (1) If the accident occurred on the way to school or during school hours, examine any student who is feeling or displaying any symptoms of any injuries from the accident when the bus arrives at school; or
  - (2) If the accident occurred on the way home from school, examine any student who is feeling or displaying any symptoms of any injuries from the accident the next school day or if the parent of a student requests the school nurse examine their child the next school day.
- d. In the event of an accident where students are injured, a student(s) may be transported to a hospital if it is determined by law enforcement, medical, and/or first aid staff at the accident scene additional medical treatment is required.
  - (1) If the accident occurred on the way to school or during school hours, the school nurse will examine any student not transported to the hospital who is feeling or displaying any symptoms of any injuries from the accident when the bus arrives at school.
  - (2) If the accident occurred on the way home from school, the nurse will examine any student feeling or displaying any symptoms of any injuries from the accident the next school day or if the parent of a student requests the school nurse examine their child the next school day.



- e. If another vehicle(s) is involved, the bus driver will obtain the following information from the driver(s) of that vehicle(s) or from law enforcement officers at the accident scene: driver's name, driver's license number, vehicle owner's name and address, vehicle registration number, owner's insurance company and policy number, and a description of the vehicle (color, make, year, body type).
- f. The following notifications must be provided:
  - (1) The school bus driver must report immediately to the Principal of the receiving school and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary or designee of the district providing the transportation, any accident that involves an injury, death, or property damage. In addition, the bus driver must complete and file the Preliminary School Bus Accident Report prescribed by the Commissioner of Education.
  - (2) The Principal of the receiving school shall retain a copy of the Report and forward other copies of the Report as prescribed by the NJDOE.
  - (3) In addition, a school bus driver involved in an accident resulting in injury or death of any person, or damage to property of any one person in excess of \$500 shall complete and file within ten days after such accident a Motor Vehicle Accident Report in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-130.
  - (4) The parent of students involved in a school bus accident shall be notified as quickly as possible commensurate with the severity of the accident and injuries, if any, and hospital placement of their child if transported to a hospital by ambulance or by other emergency personnel.
2. In the event the school bus driver is incapacitated, the following procedures will be implemented:
  - a. A school bus driver is incapacitated when he/she is unable to operate the school bus safely or when his/her driving ability is significantly impaired by the driver's physical or mental condition.



- b. If there is a bus aide on the bus, the bus aide will take steps necessary to have the bus pulled off the road to a safe location and shall contact school officials or emergency services for assistance. If a bus aide is not on the bus, the bus driver shall pull the bus off the road to a safe location and contact school officials or emergency services for assistance.
  - c. The bus shall be stopped, with due consideration for the safety of its passengers, the motor turned off, the ignition key removed, and safely secure the bus.
  - d. The Principal shall immediately arrange for the transportation of the students by substitute driver, substitute bus, or other means.
3. In the event of an injury to a student on the bus, at a bus stop, or along a transportation route, not incurred as the result of a school bus accident, the following procedures will be implemented.
- a. In the absence of another responsible adult in authority, the school bus driver will take charge of a student who has been injured or disabled on a school bus, at a school bus stop, or along the transportation route traveled by the school bus.
  - b. If necessary, first aid will be administered.
  - c. If the student's injury is serious, emergency medical services will be summoned; the school bus driver or a responsible adult appointed by the bus driver will remain with the student until emergency medical help arrives.
  - d. If the student's injury:
    - (1) Occurs on the way to the school, the school bus driver will deliver the injured student to the school nurse for examination and such treatment or referral as may be required. The school nurse will notify the student's parent;



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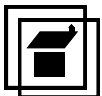
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- (2) Occurs on the way to the student's home, the school bus driver or another school district staff member will deliver the injured student to his/her parent or to a responsible adult at the student's home or if no one is home the injured student will be transported back to a school district location until a parent or another responsible adult can be contacted. If it is determined the student may need medical treatment and a parent or responsible adult cannot be contacted, the child may be transported to the school physician's office or to the nearest hospital emergency room; or
  - (3) Occurs on the way to or from an extracurricular event, the school bus driver will notify a professional staff member assigned to the activity, who will take charge of the student and notify the student's parent.
- e. The school bus driver will immediately report the incident and any injuries to the Principal or designee of the school in which the student is enrolled.

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### R 8690 MONITORING DEVICES ON SCHOOL VEHICLES

#### Recording and Notice

1. In order to maintain a safe and secure environment for all students transported on school vehicles the Director of Transportation may cause recording devices to be installed in any district owned or contracted vehicles and activated at specific times.
2. Monitoring devices may include sound videocameras, audio recording devices and other appropriate devices.
3. Students and drivers will not be notified when a recording device is “on board” and in use on district vehicles.
4. Each school vehicle shall have a sign, prominently displayed stating that: “Video and/or audio monitoring devices are used on school district owned and contracted vehicles and this vehicle may be monitored at any time.”
5. Recordings may be used to monitor and observe the behavior of students, teaching and support staff members and the vehicle operator.

#### Student Records and Notice

1. School district personnel will comply with provisions of law regarding student records requirements including the Family Education and Privacy Act and the Individual with Disabilities Education Act as applicable in the district’s use of video recordings. Video recordings considered for retention as a part of the student’s behavioral record will be maintained in accordance with established student record procedures governing access, review and release of student records.
2. The school district personnel will include annual notice in parent/student handbooks that monitoring devices may be used on school transportation vehicles transporting students to and from curricular and co-curricular activities.



### Staff Records and Notice

1. Recordings considered for retention as part of the employee's personnel record will be maintained in accordance with established Board personnel policies, administrative regulations and labor agreements governing access, review and release of employee personnel records.
2. The district will include notice to personnel that monitoring devices may be used on school transportation vehicles transporting students to and from curricular and/or co-curricular activities.
3. Staff will not be notified when a video camera is "on board" and in use on district vehicles.

### Storage/Security

1. All recordings will be stored by the Director of Transportation and secured to ensure confidentiality.
2. Recordings will be stored for sixty school days after initial recording, whereupon such recordings will be released and erased, unless there is an incident pending resolution.
3. Recordings held for review of student or staff incident will be maintained in their original form pending resolution. The recording media will then be either released for erasure or retained as necessary as a part of the student's behavioral record and/or employee's personnel record in accordance with the established district procedures.

### Use

1. The decision to activate recording devices on specific vehicles and at specific times shall be made by the Director of Transportation.
2. Monitoring devices will be used on school transportation vehicles transporting students to and from curricular or extracurricular activities on a rotational basis at the discretion of the Superintendent.
3. Staff and students are prohibited from tampering with or otherwise interfering with recording equipment. Any individual found tampering with equipment shall be subject to discipline.



### Viewing or Listening

1. Initial viewing or listening to recordings will be done by the Principal or designee.
2. Requests for viewing or listening will be limited to those parents or guardians, students, teaching or support staff, drivers and district officials with a direct interest in any proceedings, disciplinary or otherwise resulting from the recordings as deemed appropriate by the Principal or designee.
3. Only the portion of the video or audio recording concerning a specific incident will be made available for viewing.
4. Approval/denial for viewing or listening will be made within five working days of receipt of request and so communicated to the requesting individual(s).
5. Actual viewing or listening to the recording will be permitted at school related sites only, including the transportation office, the school, district office or as otherwise required by law.
6. All viewing will be in the presence of the Principal or designee.
7. A written log will be maintained by the Principal or designee of those viewing video recordings including date of viewing, reason for viewing, the date the recording was made, vehicle video-taped and driver and the signature of the viewer.
8. Video recordings remain the property of the district and may be reproduced only in accordance with law, including applicable district student records policy and procedures and district personnel records policy, procedures and applicable labor agreements.

### Purchase, Maintenance, Replacement of Equipment/Supplies

1. The Director of Transportation will be responsible for the purchase, maintenance and replacement of all monitoring devices and supplies and develop a long-range video equipment and supply replacement cycle.
2. Vehicle drivers will be responsible to notify their immediate supervisor if equipment is damaged and for the care of monitoring devices while operating district vehicles.

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