

BRADLEY BEACH BOARD OF EDUCATION

POLICY

OPERATIONS

8601

Pupil Supervision After School Dismissal

The Board of Education adopts this Pupil Supervision After School Dismissal Policy as a result of the New Jersey Supreme Court's decision in *Joseph Jerkins, an infant by his Guardian Ad Litem, Charles Jerkins; Charles Jerkins and Toni Jerkins, individually, v. Soweto Anderson; Kemba N. Anderson; John Does 1-10 (fictitious individuals) and ABC Corporations 1-10 (fictitious entities), and Board of Education of Pleasantville Public Schools and Rosemay Clarke*.

The New Jersey Supreme Court, in *Jerkins*, indicated dangers exist for younger pupils at dismissal as children are susceptible to numerous risks, including negligent conduct, when leaving school property. Because of these risks, the Board of Education adopts and requires the implementation of Policy 8601 for the supervision of younger pupils after dismissal. The supervision provisions of Policy Guide 8601 are applicable to parents or legal guardians of pupils attending district-operated schools or programs in preschool to the 4th grade who are not eligible for district-provided transportation after dismissal or are eligible and elect not to use district-provided transportation after dismissal.

Any parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a pupil attending a district-operated school or program in preschool to the 4th grade where the pupil is not eligible for district-provided transportation or is eligible and elects not to use district-provided transportation after dismissal may request the school or program not release the pupil to walk home after dismissal unless the pupil is released to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or escort(s) designated by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s). The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) requesting their child(ren) only be released to a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or parent(s) or legal guardian(s)-designated escort after dismissal must submit a completed Student Dismissal Form to each child's teacher. A copy of this form will also be maintained in the school office.

The Forms shall be made available to parent(s) or legal guardian(s) at the beginning of the school year and at any time throughout the school year.

The school will only release preschool through third grade child(ren) to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated escort whose names appear on a completed Student Dismissal Form.

The school will only release fourth grade child(ren) to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated escort whose names appear on a completed Student Dismissal Form. Parent(s)/legal guardian(s) may request that their 4th grade child walk home after school dismissal after providing written permission to the school on the Student Dismissal Form.

In order for the school administration to effectively implement the requirements of this Policy and to ensure the safety and security of pupils that will be released to a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated escort, the parental request shall be applicable for every school day and shall apply for a duration period of the entire school year. The Request Form must be re-submitted at the beginning of each school year and may be updated by the parent/legal guardian at any time. In addition, a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may rescind/change their request by

completing a new Student Dismissal Form that the teacher and school will use to dismiss children after school. The child(ren) will be dismissed in accordance with typical dismissal protocol effective the date indicated in the rescinding request.

The Superintendent/Principal upon receiving the Student Dismissal Form, shall notify the school's after-care program for pupils whose parents have contracted with that agency to provide childcare services in the school. These pupils will be escorted to the designated area in the school where these childcare services are provided after school dismissal. This agency shall retain supervision of the pupil when other pupils are dismissed from school at the end of the school day. Pupils will remain with the childcare provider staff until parents/legal guardians or designated escorts arrive to pick up the child.

The Superintendent/Principal will develop and implement a written Pupil Supervision After School Dismissal/Student Dismissal Plan for their school building or program location. This Plan shall include the school building's or program's supervision procedures for pupils at the end of the school day to the designated area in the school building or program and the location of the designated area in the school building or program. The Plan shall be based on the school's or program's ability to provide supervision, the accessibility for the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated escort to pick-up the child without disrupting dismissal of the remaining school population, and other considerations unique to the school building or program location. The school's or program's Pupil Supervision After School Dismissal Plan shall be provided to all parent(s) or legal guardian(s) that have submitted a Student Dismissal Form.

In the event the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated escort does not arrive to pick up their child(ren) after the dismissal time of school, the Principal or designee will attempt to contact the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) using the district's emergency call procedures. The pupil(s) shall be supervised by school staff in the school office and will only be released when the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated escort arrives to pick up the pupil.

In the event of an emergency such that, when an unforeseen event prevents a parent or legal guardian or designated escort from arriving for the child(ren) at dismissal within the time period designated by the Superintendent/Principal, the pupil will be relocated to the Main Office in the school building and will remain in the Main Office supervised by the Main Office staff until the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated escort arrives.

The school will provide parent(s) or legal guardian(s) information regarding any supervised after-school activities and services, that may be available to pupils at the school's facilities after formal school dismissal.

This Policy shall be published in pupil/school handbooks and posted on the district's website. In addition, the school district shall provide to parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in the beginning of the school year, the school's calendar to include the starting and dismissal times for full session, half-session, and early dismissal days due to weather or other emergencies. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall be required to return to the school a signed acknowledgement of receipt of the pupil/school handbook, which shall include this Policy and the school calendar. In addition, any changes to the school's calendar made during the school year shall also be provided to parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

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