

7430 SCHOOL SAFETY (M)

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The Board of Education recognizes the safety of its students as a consideration of utmost importance. In development of courses, the safety of participating students shall be a primary consideration. The Superintendent shall maintain all facilities and equipment in condition to provide a safe learning environment. The curriculum shall include courses in safety as required by state law.

The Superintendent shall oversee development of a district-wide safety program with emphasis on accident prevention. All teachers shall be familiar with the provisions of this program that particularly concern them. Regulations concerning use and maintenance of eye protective devices shall be scrupulously enforced by all staff.

The staff must maintain complete classroom and playground supervision during regular school hours. The Superintendent shall seek the cooperation of parents/guardians to prevent any children being unsupervised on school property during lunch hour and during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal times. Further, the Superintendent shall seek the cooperation of the police and other appropriate agencies in providing for the safety of pupils on or around school property.

The Superintendent shall inform all staff of school safety rules and regulations at the beginning of the school year and shall post copies of the rules in a prominent place in each school. Special emphasis shall be given to accident prevention, precautionary measures in case of fire, and precaution to be taken regarding strangers.

No student in grades K through 8 shall leave the school before the end of the school day without permission of the Superintendent. Students leaving before regular dismissal must be met in the school office and signed out by a parent/legal guardian or a person authorized to act in his/her behalf.

No student shall run errands on school business off the school property.

A record shall be kept indicating the legal custodian of each student. Such custodian shall be responsible for informing the Board of any change in the student's custody. If one parent/legal guardian has been awarded custody of the student in a divorce, the other parent/legal guardian shall present to the Superintendent or designee or teacher in charge a letter authorizing him/her to accompany the child from school before the child may be released. The Superintendent or teacher in charge may take reasonable



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steps to verify the letter. It is the responsibility of the person or agency having custody to inform the school that such authorization will be required.

The district may cooperate with parents/legal guardians and local authorities in organized programs to enhance the safety of district students.

Parents/legal guardians are requested not to permit their children to bring expensive or fragile objects to school and to label or otherwise identify clothing, books and personal items. The Board is not responsible for items destroyed or stolen from lockers, desks, or classroom areas.

N.J.S.A. 18A:6-2; 18A:40-12.1; 18A:40-12.2
N.J.S.A. 40:67-16.7
N.J.A.C. 6:29-1.3; 6:29-1.7; 6:43-2.2; 6:53-1.1 et seq.

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