

SAFETY

The Superintendent shall develop rules governing school safety which shall include but not be limited to: student safety in school; care of injured students; vehicle safety programs; plant safety including removal and/or encapsulation of asbestos; labeling and storage of hazardous substances; emergency procedures; student safety in transit to and from school; and eye protection. The board shall review and adopt such rules. The rules and procedures shall be disseminated to staff and pupils annually, and whenever any changes are made.

In addition, students shall be provided with safety instruction in accordance with the law.

It shall be the responsibility of all school personnel to be alert to any hazard within or outside school buildings which may jeopardize the safety of school children, school employees, or the public; and it shall be the responsibility of all school personnel to report promptly to the nearest appropriate school authority any condition, incident or suspicion which in their judgment warrants investigation. Nothing stated herein is intended to conflict with the jurisdiction of teachers in supervision of pupils or the authority of principals in implementing board policies.

Precautionary measures against fire, explosion or other hazards shall be established, together with appropriate instructions and drills for pupils and other school personnel in procedures to be followed in event of potential emergencies.

Precautionary measures for safety of pupils on streets and sidewalks in the vicinity of school buildings shall be established and observed.

Use and Storage of Hazardous Substances

The Board shall not allow the use of any hazardous substances in or on any of the buildings or grounds of this District when children are present, except in emergencies. A list of substances that are legally exempted from this requirement can be obtained from the Superintendent.

The Superintendent shall inform the Board when hazardous substances may be used when children are present, and the Board shall determine if an emergency situation exists and such use is warranted.

If any hazardous substance is stored on any school site, the Superintendent shall make available the hazardous substance fact sheet for that substance to anyone who requests it.

At least two days prior to the start of any construction activity involving hazardous substances, the Superintendent shall post on a bulletin board at the school a notice that such construction will take place. The notice will state the activity to be conducted and the hazardous substance(s) to be used.

The Superintendent shall ensure that all parents/guardians receive a notice at least once a year informing them of the following:

- A. Notice of any construction or other activities involving hazardous substances will be posted on the bulletin board of their children's school;
- B. Hazardous substances may be stored at the school at various times throughout the year;

SAFETY (continued)**Legal References: (continued)**

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:42-1	Safety patrol by students
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54-20	Powers of Board (county vocational schools)
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 34:5A-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Worker and Community Right to Know Act
<i>See particularly:</i>	
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 34:5A -10.1 through -10.5	
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 34:6A-25 <u>et seq.</u>	New Jersey Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Act
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 5:23	Barrier free sub-code of the uniform construction code
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-1.4(a)1,2,3	District policies and procedures
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:19-10.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Safety and Health Standards
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:26-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Educational Facilities
<i>See particularly:</i>	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:26-12.1 <u>et seq.</u>	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:27-12.2	Accident reporting
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:30-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-12.1	Reporting requirements
<u>P. L.2009, c.175</u>	Notice to parents and guardians

<u>Cross References:</u> *1330	Use of school facilities
*1410	Local units
*3510	Operation and maintenance of plant
*5141.1	Accidents
*5142	Student safety
*5142.1	Safety patrols

Cross References: (continued)

*6114	Emergencies and disaster preparedness
*6142.12	Career education
*7110	Long-range facilities planning

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

Key Words

Safety, Student Safety, Employee Safety, Asbestos, Hazardous Materials, Student Safety, ***Contaminated Soil***

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