

Local Units

The Board of Education (Board) wishes to cooperate as fully as possible with other community agencies that deal with district pupils. Cooperation will include pooling resources and exchanging information with other community agencies where allowed by law. The Chief School Administrator (CSA) shall seek to develop positive working relationships with those agencies, including but not limited to police authorities, fire departments, Division of Youth and Family Services, emergency room and/or squad, other school districts and all other agencies providing services to district pupils.

In accordance with law, the district may accept or share the use of facilities or equipment with other local organizations. The terms of the acceptance or sharing shall be decided for each instance.

Police Authorities and Implementation of the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement

It is the policy of the Board to cooperate with law enforcement agencies in the interest of the larger welfare of all citizens and to be in compliance with current memoranda of agreement between education and law enforcement officials. At the same time, schools have the responsibility to parents/guardians for the welfare of their children while they are in school. To carry out this dual responsibility, the administration is directed to follow the procedures developed to implement board policies, particularly those for policies numbered 5131.5, 5131.6, 5131.7, 5145.11 and 5145.12.

The Department of Education and the Department of Law and Public Safety have recently released revisions to the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement ("Memorandum") between education and law enforcement officials which is designed to encourage such cooperation between the District and the law enforcement agencies. The Board of Education acknowledges that it has been directed by the Commissioner of Education to enter into the Memorandum pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.A.C. 6:29-10.1 et seq.*

- A. The District does hereby appoint the Superintendent and/or his/her designee as liaison to law enforcement agencies and does hereby approve ratification of Memorandum of Agreement; subject, to these provisions.
- B. The parties agree that the District retains both the right and responsibility to impose appropriate school-based disciplinary measures independent of any sentences or other punishments that may be imposed by any court.
- C. The parties agree that planned surveillance including offsite video surveillance from school property, routine patrols on school property, police presence at extracurricular events is subject to the police department obtaining approval in advance from the Superintendent or his/her designee.

Fire Department

The CSA shall seek input from local fire officials when course materials in fire safety are being reviewed and revised and when procedures for fire drills are formulated. The fire department should be kept up to date on changes in the school buildings and class arrangements so that, in the event of an emergency, they will be prepared. All fires shall be reported to the local fire department in compliance with law.

Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS)

Procedures for district cooperation with the Division of Youth and Family Services are included with those implementing policy 5141.4 Child abuse and neglect.

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Emergency Room/Squad

The CSA shall establish procedures whereby the facilities of the local hospital emergency room and local ambulance/rescue squad may be called upon in implementing policies numbered 5131.6, 5141.1, 5141.6 and 6145.1/6145.2.

Cooperative Arrangements with Other School Districts

The Board desires that strong lines of communication be maintained with other districts and institutions which provide programs, training, or services not available to children residing in this district, and with districts whose resident pupils are enrolled in programs in this district.

The district in which pupils are in attendance has responsibility and authority for those pupils. In order that those pupils receive maximum benefit from their program of studies, articulation between the cooperating institutions is essential.

Further, this school district shall cooperate with other school districts in the solution of common educational concerns. District staff under the direction of the chief school administrator shall participate in the coordination of such areas as research, exchange of information and data, coordination of curriculum, coordination of school calendar and activities, and any others where it may be advantageous to serve a broader area than this school district. In carrying out this policy, the CSA shall include in his/her reports to the board an evaluation of the desirability and feasibility of cooperation with other school districts.

Key Words

Local Agencies, Local Units, Fire Department, Police Department, Emergency Room, Other School Districts

Legal References

<p><u>Legal References:</u></p> <p><u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2A:4A-60 <u>et al.</u> <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:18A-11 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-4.2 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-9 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-34 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-25 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-30 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40A-1 <u>et seq.</u> <u>See particularly:</u> <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40A-11, -12, -15, -16, -17, -18 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:41-1 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:41-5 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54-20 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40:8A-3 <u>et al.</u> <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40:55D-8 <u>et al.</u> <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-7.1 <u>et seq.</u> <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-8.1 <u>et seq.</u></p>	<p>Disclosure of juvenile information; penalties for disclosure General mandatory powers and duties Joint purchases by districts, municipalities; counties; authority Acquisition, improvement, lease, etc., of property for school purposes; authority of board of education Conveyance of unneeded real estate for nominal consideration; qualified recipients; reversion Use of schoolhouse and grounds for various purposes Early detection of missing and abused children; policies of school districts Assistance of sheriffs, police officers, etc. Substance abuse Fire drills Reporting fires Powers of board (county vocational schools) Authority to enter into contract for joint provision services Municipal fees; exemptions Receiving Schools Programs Operated by the Departments of Corrections and Human Services, and the Juvenile Justice Commission</p>
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- N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.1 et seq. Student Development Programs
- N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.1(b)(c), 5.2, 6.1, 6.2, 10.2
- N.J.A.C. 6A:32-9.1(c) Athletics Procedures (General requirements)
- N.J.A.C. 6A:32-12.1 et seq. Annual Reporting and Planning Requirements

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts

The New Jersey School Search Policy Manual, New Jersey Attorney General

A Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials (1999 Revisions)

Possible

Cross References:

- *1330 Use of school facilities
- 1420 County and intermediate units
- *1600 Relations between other entities and the district
- *3220/3230 State funds; federal funds
- *3320 Purchasing procedures
- *5125 Pupil records
- *5131.5 Vandalism/violence
- *5131.6 Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)
- *5141.1 Accidents
- *5141.4 Child abuse and neglect
- 5141.6 Crisis intervention
- *5145.11 Questioning and apprehension
- *5145.12 Search and seizure
- *6114 Emergencies and disaster preparedness
- *6122 Articulation
- *6145.1/6145.2 Intramural competition; interscholastic competition
- *6172 Alternative educational programs
- *7110 Long-range facilities planning
- 7130 Relations with other governmental units

* Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual

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