

**SECURITY**

The Board of Education (Board) believes that the buildings and facilities of this district represent a substantial community investment. The Board directs the development and implementation of a plan for district security to protect that investment.

The district security program will include the maintenance of facilities secure against unwelcome intrusion; protection against fire hazards and faulty equipment; and the observation of safe practices in the use of electrical, plumbing, and heating equipment. The Board directs close cooperation of district officials with local law enforcement officers, fire fighters, the sheriff’s office, and insurance company inspectors.

Personal access to school buildings and grounds outside the hours school is in session shall be limited to personnel whose employment requires their presence in the facility. An adequate key control system will be established to limit building access to authorized personnel and guard against the potential of intrusion by unauthorized persons who have obtained keys improperly.

Building records and funds shall be kept in a safe place and under lock and key as appropriate and necessary.

Vandalism

Wanton destruction of school property or equipment or unauthorized removal of same shall be reported at once to the designated administrator, who will report incidents of illegal entry, theft of school property, vandalism, or damage to school property from other causes, by phone to the Superintendent as soon as discovered. Every resident of the district, all staff members, pupils, and the police department are asked by the Board to cooperate in reporting any incidents of vandalism of property belonging to this Board and the names of the person or persons believed to be responsible.

The Superintendent shall advise the Board to have the Board attorney take appropriate legal action against any individuals believed to have committed an act of vandalism on school property. The Board Secretary shall forward the bill for the cost of such damage or damages to the responsible party or parties and to their parents/guardians if they are minors, requiring payment of the amount within 10 days. If the vandalism is committed by a pupil or pupils enrolled in the district, the Superintendent shall suspend such pupils until the damages are paid in full, or adequate arrangements are made for repayment.

The Superintendent shall devise procedures to keep the buildings and equipment secure and district pupils and personnel safe from intruders. Such procedures may include employment of school law enforcement officers as permitted by statute.

Protective devices including cameras and surveillance devices designed to be used as safeguards against illegal entry and vandalism may be installed when appropriate. The Board may approve the employment of security guards in situations in which special risks are involved or may employ the current security staff in a limited overtime detail as approved by the Superintendent or designee.

**Legal References:**

<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	2A:53A-15	Parental liability
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:11-1	General mandatory owes and duties
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:17-42 thru -45	Public School Safety Law
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:37-3	Parental liability

**Cross References:**

4148	Employee protection
4248	Employee protection
5131.5	Vandalism/Violence
5142	Safety: personal and possessions
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