

7440 SECURITY ON SCHOOL PREMISES (M)

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[See POLICY ALERT Nos. 214, 217, 218, 221 and 230]

The Board of Education believes that the safety and wellbeing of students, staff and visitors is fundamental and that the buildings and facilities of the school district represent a substantial community investment. The Board directs the development and implementation of a plan for school district security to protect the safety and wellbeing of students, staff, and visitors and school community's investment in the school buildings and facilities.

The school district security program will include: maintenance of facilities that are secure against unwelcome intrusion; protection against fire hazards and faulty equipment; and compliance with safe practices in the use of electrical, plumbing, heating, information technology and other school building equipment and systems, and the services of unarmed security employees in accordance with board policy 7446. The Board directs close cooperation of district officials with law enforcement in accordance with the District's Memorandum of Understanding as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.2, fire officials, and other emergency agencies. School security functions shall be conducted in a manner that is conducive to a positive school climate and consistent with the district's comprehensive equity plan and the antidiscrimination policies adopted by the board.

As used in this Policy and N.J.S.A. 18A:41-7.1, "critical incident mapping data" means information provided in electronic or digital form to assist first responders in an emergency including, but not limited to: aerial images of schools; floor plans, including room and suite numbers; building access points; locations of hazardous materials and utility shut-offs; and any other relevant location information.

The Board shall provide to local law enforcement authorities critical incident mapping data for all schools and school grounds. In the case of a school building located in a municipality in which there is no municipal police department, critical incident mapping data shall be provided to an entity designated by the Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police. The Board shall provide revised mapping data to the applicable law enforcement authorities or designated entities any time that there is a change to the critical incident mapping data.

Critical incident mapping data provided pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:41-7.1.a. shall be: compatible with all platforms and applications used by local, State, and Federal law



enforcement authorities; provided in a printable format; and verified for accuracy through an annual walkthrough of school buildings and school grounds.

Nothing in this Policy or N.J.S.A. 18A:41-7.1 shall be construed to require local law enforcement authorities or designated entities to access critical incident mapping data using third party viewing software.

The Board directs close cooperation of district officials with law enforcement, fire officials, and other emergency agencies.

Each public elementary and secondary school building shall be equipped with at least one panic alarm for use in a school security emergency pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:41-10 through 13 and this Policy and Regulation 7440.

The Superintendent or his designee shall designate a school administrator as a School Safety Specialist for the district in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:17-43.3. The School Safety Specialist shall be required to acquire a New Jersey Department of Education School Safety Specialist certification in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:17-43.2. The School Safety Specialist shall also serve as the school district's liaison with local law enforcement and national, State, and community agencies and organizations in matters of school safety and security.

Access to school buildings outside the hours school is in session shall be limited to personnel whose employment requires their presence in the facility, and persons who are participating in authorized programs that are taking place at school facilities. 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 access improperly, and the superintendent shall implement procedures regarding visitor access to school buildings and grounds when school is in session. Secondary school students are required to wear their student I.D.s at all times throughout the school day.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5.2.b.(15), propping open doors to buildings on school grounds is strictly prohibited and students and staff shall not open a door for any individual. Any student or staff member found propping open doors is subject to disciplinary action. All persons seeking entry into the building shall be directed to the main entrance.

Building records and funds shall be kept in a safe place and secured as appropriate and necessary.



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Protective devices designed to be used as safeguards against illegal entry and vandalism may be installed when appropriate.

N.J.S.A. 18A:17-43.1; 18A:17-43.2; 18A:17-43.3

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