# OLD TAPPAN BOARD OF EDUCATION Old Tappan, NJ 07675

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Policy

## **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.

## <u>Use and Storage of Hazardous Substances</u>

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;

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# **SAFETY** (continued)

## Use and Storage of Hazardous Substances (continued)

C. Hazardous substance fact sheets for any of the hazardous substances being used or stored are available at the school.

# Soil Contamination on School Property

The board of education shall ensure that notice of soil contamination on school property is provided. Notice will be provided to each parent/ quardian of a student enrolled at the school, and to each staff member of the school. Notice will be provided within 10 business days of the discovery of the soil contamination, when the contamination is found by the Department of Environmental Protection or a licensed site remediation professional to exceed the department's direct contact soil remediation standards for residential use.

The district shall also post a copy of the notice in a conspicuous location near the site of the contamination to notify any other users of the school grounds of the existence of the contamination.

## Safe Drinking Water

Within one year of July 13, 2016, the District shall conduct lead sampling and analysis of all drinking water outlets within its facilities. Sampling and analysis shall be done in accordance with NJSDOE requirements,

Within 24 hours after the District has reviewed and verified the lead testing results, the Board of Education shall make the results publicly available at the school facilities and on the District's website. If any results exceed the permissible lead action level, the Board will send written notification to the parents/guardians of all pupils attending the facility and the NJSDOE. The notification shall include:

- A. The measures taken to end the use of every drinking water outlet that exceeds the permissible lead levels;
- B. The measures taken to ensure that alternative drinking water is available to all pupils and staff:
- C. Information regarding the health effects of lead.

The District shall test for lead within six years of the original testing and every six years thereafter as well as testing for lead after any other alteration to plumbing or service lines. Annually, the Board shall submit a statement of assurance to the NJSDOE that lead testing has been completed in accordance with the department rules. Time extensions, exemptions to the rules, and reimbursement application shall be in accordance with the NJSDOE regulations.

## <u>Implementation</u>

Rules and procedures implementing this policy shall be reviewed and adopted by the Board as required by law and shall be posted on the web site to disseminate to staff and students annually, and whenever any changes are made.

Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:6-2

Instruction in accident and fire prevention General mandatory powers and duties

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1

Public School Safety Law

N.J.S.A. 18A:17-42 et seq. N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.1, -12.2

Protective eve devices required for teachers, students

and visitors in certain cases ...

N.J.S.A. 18A:41-1 et seq.

Fire Drills and Fire Protection

See particularly:

N.J.S.A. 18A:41-5

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# **SAFETY** (continued)

**Legal References: (continued)** 

N.J.S.A. 18A:42-1 Safety patrol by students

N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of Board (county vocational schools)
N.J.S.A. 34:5A-1 et seq. Worker and Community Right to Know Act

See particularly: N.J.S.A. 34:5A -10.1 through -10.5

N.J.S.A. 34:6A-25 et seq. New Jersey Public Employees Occupational Safety and

Health Act

N.J.A.C. 5:23 Barrier free sub-code of the uniform construction code

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.4(a)1,2,3 District policies and procedures Safety and Health Standards

N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.1et seq. Educational Facilities

See particularly:

N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.1et seq.

N.J.A.C. 6A:27-12.2 Accident reporting

N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1 et seq. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts

N.J.A.C. 6A:32-12.1 Reporting requirements

P. L.2009, c.175 Notice to parents and guardians

<u>Cross</u> <u>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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