

### LOCAL UNITS

The Board of Education wishes to cooperate as fully as possible with other community agencies that deal with District students. The Superintendent shall seek to develop positive working relationships with such agencies, including but not limited to investigative committees, pooled resources, information exchange, and as service advisors/providers.

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

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.

#### Fire Department

The Superintendent 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.

#### Municipal and/or County Governments

The Board advocates the joint expenditure of District funds and municipal or county funds to provide those facilities from which the entire community, children and adults alike, may derive benefits.

In accordance with this policy, the Board shall, as either opportunity or need arises, and as it is entitled to do so by law, join with the local municipal governing body in acquiring, improving equipping, operating, or maintaining such jointly—used facilities as playgrounds and playing fields.

#### **Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)**

Procedures for District cooperation with the ***Division of Child Protection and Permanency*** are included with those implementing policy 5141.4 Child Abuse and Neglect.

#### Emergency Room/Squad

The Superintendent 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.

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**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 students are enrolled in programs in this District.

The district in which students are in attendance has responsibility and authority for those students. In order that those students 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 Superintendent 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 Superintendent shall include in his/her reports to the Board an evaluation of the desirability and feasibility of cooperation with other school districts.

The Board recognizes its specific cooperative efforts with the other districts of the Northern Valley and the districts involved in Special Education Region III.

- A. The Board shall join other Northern Valley Districts and have representatives on a joint Board.
- B. The Board will join with the other Northern Valley Districts and contribute financially to support a regional Curriculum and Instruction Director and a Coordinator of Special Education.
- C. The Board will participate in Region III Council Special Education Program.
- D. The Board may choose to participate in other regional collaborations.

**Shared Arrangements**

The district shall make every effort to enter into shared agreements with other school districts, municipalities, counties and other units of local government for provision of administrative, business, purchasing, public and non-public transportation and other required school district services and shall maintain documentation of both the successful and non-successful efforts.

<b><u>Legal References:</u></b>	<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</p> <p><u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-9</p> <p><u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-34</p> <p><u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-25</p> <p><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</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</p> <p>Fire drills  Reporting fires  Powers of Board (county vocational schools)</p>
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**Legal References: (continued)**

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40:8A-3 <u>et al.</u>	Contract by local unit for joint service projects; parties; authorization by resolution
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40:55D-8 <u>et al.</u>	Exemptions from payment of local fees
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:27D-119 <u>et seq.</u>	Radon standards
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:3-8.1(c)	Athletics Procedures (General requirements)
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:8-2.1	Quality assurance annual report
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-7.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Receiving Schools
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-8.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Programs Operated by the Departments of Corrections and Human Services, and the Juvenile Justice Commission
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Programs to Support Student Development
<u>See particularly:</u>	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-4.1(b)(c), 5.2, 6.1, 6.2, 10.2	
P.L. 2007 c63	Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts (September 2002)

The New Jersey School Search Policy Manual, New Jersey Attorney General (1998)

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

**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	Student 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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