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The Board of Education shall organize at its first regular meeting by electing one of its members as President and another as Vice President.

Any Board member may place a Board member's name in nomination for Board President and Vice President; a second on the nomination is not required. Election for each office will be conducted by a vote when the nominations for that office are closed.

Verbal Roll Call Vote

Voting shall take place by verbal roll call vote after nominations are closed. When more than one person has been nominated for a single position, the Board will vote on candidates in the order in which they were nominated

Elect Officers with a Majority Vote of all the Board Members Present

The person with the majority vote of the members of the Board present and constituting a quorum shall be elected. In the event no candidate receives a majority vote of the Board members present and constituting a quorum, the procedure shall be repeated until someone receives a majority vote of those Board members present and constituting a quorum.

Officers shall serve for one year and until their respective successors are elected and shall qualify, but if the Board shall fail to hold the organization meeting or to elect Board officers as prescribed by N.J.S.A. 18A:15-1, the Executive County Superintendent shall appoint from among the members of the Board a President and/or Vice President.

A President or Vice President who refuses to perform a duty imposed upon them by law may be removed by a majority vote of all of the members of the Board. In the event the office of President or Vice President shall become vacant the Board shall, within thirty days thereafter, fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. If the Board fails to fill the vacancy within such time, the Executive County Superintendent shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

N.J.S.A. 18A:15-1; 18A:15-2



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Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation

0161 CALL, ADJOURNMENT, AND CANCELLATION

All Board of Education meetings shall be in public and each Board shall hold a meeting at least once every two months during the period in which the schools in the district are in session.

The Secretary of the Board shall call a special meeting of the Board whenever: requested by the President of the Board; requested by the Superintendent when the Board fails to meet within two months during the period in which the schools in the district are in session; or when presented with a petition signed by a majority of the full membership of the Board requesting the special meeting.

The Board may at any time recess or adjourn to an adjourned meeting at a time, date, and place announced at the time of the recess or the adjournment. The adjourned meeting shall take up business at the point in the agenda where the motion to adjourn was passed.

When circumstances are such as to prevent the attendance of a majority or all of Board members or to frustrate the purpose of the meeting, a meeting may be canceled by the Board Secretary at the request of the President. Notice of the cancellation shall be given, by expedient means, to all Board members, to the Superintendent, and, whenever possible, to the newspapers in which notice of Board meetings is regularly given. If possible, written notice of the cancellation shall also be posted at the place where the canceled meeting was scheduled to occur. Notice of the cancellation shall include the date, time, and place of the next scheduled meeting. Notice of the cancellation shall be read at the next following Board meeting and shall be duly recorded in the official minute book.

N.J.S.A. 18A:10-6

N.J.A.C. 6A:32-3.1

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0162 NOTICE OF BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education will give notice of all meetings in accordance with law.

Adequate Notice

The Board Secretary shall provide written advance notice of at least forty-eight hours, giving the time, date, location and, to the extent known, the agenda of any regular, special, or rescheduled meeting, which notice shall accurately state whether formal action may or may not be taken and which shall be prominently posted in at least one public place reserved for such or similar announcements; mailed, telephoned, telegraphed, or hand delivered to at least two newspapers which newspapers shall be designated by the public body to receive such notices because they have the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the area of jurisdiction of the public body of such meetings, one of which shall be the official newspaper, where any such has been designated by the public body or if the public body has failed to so designate, where any has been designated by the governing body of the political subdivision whose geographic boundaries are coextensive with that of the public body; and filed with the clerk of the municipality when the public body's geographic boundaries are coextensive with that of a single municipality, with the clerk of the county when the public body's geographic boundaries are coextensive with that of a single county, and with the Secretary of State if the public body has Statewide jurisdiction. Where annual notice or revisions thereof in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the Open Public Meetings Act, set forth the location of any meeting, no further notice shall be required for such meeting.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-9, upon the affirmative vote of three-quarters of the members present, the Board may hold a meeting notwithstanding the failure to provide adequate notice if:

1. Such meeting is required in order to deal with matters of such urgency and importance that a delay for the purpose of providing adequate notice would be likely to result in substantial harm to the public interest; and
2. The meeting is limited to discussion of and acting with respect to such matters of urgency and importance; and



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3. Notice of such meeting is provided as soon as possible following the calling of such meeting by posting written notice of the same in the public place described in N.J.S.A. 10:4.8.d., and also by notifying the two newspapers described in N.J.S.A. 10:4.8.d. by telephone, telegram, or by delivering a written notice of same to such newspapers; and
4. Either the public body could not reasonably have foreseen the need for such meeting at a time when adequate notice could have been provided or although the public body could reasonably have foreseen the need for such meeting at a time when adequate notice could have been provided, it nevertheless failed to do so.

Personal Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b.(8), the Board may exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which the Board discusses any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion, or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the Board, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that the matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

The Board will provide notice to the affected person that will include the date and time of the closed session meeting, the subject or subjects scheduled for discussion at the closed session meeting, and the right of the affected person to request that the discussions be conducted at a public meeting. Such notice will be given no less than forty-eight hours in advance of the closed session meeting.

A written request for public discussion must be submitted to the Board Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting. Any such properly submitted request will be granted. In the event that one or more, but fewer than all, of a group of persons whose employment will be discussed request a public meeting, the discussion regarding the person or persons who have submitted the request will be severed from the rest and will be conducted publicly.



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A discussion held in public by reason of the written request of an individual will be conducted at a regularly scheduled meeting for which annual notice has been given or at a meeting for which adequate public notice has been given in accordance with law.

Nothing in this Bylaw will permit an employee to request or the Board to grant the public discussion of tenure charges or permit the public disclosure of information regarding a student.

N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.; 10:4-8; 10:4-9

N.J.S.A. 18A:6-11; 18A:10-6

N.J.A.C. 6A:32-3.1

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THE ROAD FORWARD COVID-19 – HEALTH AND SAFETY (M)

1648.11 THE ROAD FORWARD COVID-19 – HEALTH AND SAFETY (M)

The Board of Education plans to provide full-day, full-time, in-person instruction and operations for the 2021-2022 school year. In June 2021, the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) and the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) worked collaboratively to develop guidance, The Road Forward – Health and Safety Guidance for the 2021-2022 School Year (The Road Forward).

The Road Forward replaces the mandatory anticipated minimum standards outlined in the NJDOE’s “The Road Back – Restart and Recovery Plan for Education” (June 2020) and provides a range of recommendations rather than mandatory standards. These recommendations are meant to assist school districts in implementing protocols to reduce risks to students and staff from COVID-19 while still allowing for full-time learning.

The Board considered many factors as they prepared for the 2021-2022 school year, including the level of COVID-19 transmission in the community at large and in the school community, as well as vaccination coverage rates in both the community at large and the school community.

For the purpose of this Policy, “Order” shall mean any Governor of New Jersey Executive Order, New Jersey State Agency mandate, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance, New Jersey statute, or administrative code requiring compliance by the school district.

The Board considered the recommendations outlined in The Road Forward to develop health and safety protocols. The Board will consider all recommended Orders and comply with all mandatory Orders when developing health and safety protocols and reviewing them periodically.

The Board considered the recommendations outlined in The Road Forward to develop the school district’s COVID-19 protocols in the following areas and included in corresponding Appendices:

- A. General Health and Safety Concerns of Students, Staff Members, and Visitors
 - 1. Vaccination – See Appendix A.;
 - 2. Communication with the Local Health Department – See Appendix B.;
 - 3. Mask Wearing Protocol – See Appendix C.;



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4. Physical Distancing and Cohorting Protocols – See Appendix D.;
 5. Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette Protocols – See Appendix E.;
 6. Provision of Meals – See Appendix F.; and
 7. Transportation Protocols – See Appendix G.
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- B. Cleaning, Disinfection, and Airflow – See Appendix H.
 - C. Screening, Exclusion, and Response to Symptomatic Students and Staff Members – See Appendix I.
 - D. Contact Tracing – See Appendix J.
 - E. Testing – See Appendix K.
 - F. Student and Staff Member Travel – See Appendix L.

The absence of one or more of the recommendations outlined in The Road Forward and/or in the school district's health and safety protocols will not prevent the reopening of the school(s) in the district for full-day in-person operation with all enrolled students and staff members present.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9, schools must be in session for 180 days to receive State Aid. The statute requires that school facilities be provided for at least 180 days during the school year. N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9(b) indicates when a school district is required to close the schools of the district for more than three consecutive school days due to a declared state of emergency, declared public health emergency, or a directive and/or recommendation by the appropriate health agency or officer to institute a public health-related closure, days of virtual or remote instruction commensurate with in-person instruction will count toward the school district's 180-day requirement.

The school district may be confronted with the incidence of COVID-19 positive cases among staff and/or students. If the school district is required to exclude a student, group of students, a class, or multiple classes as a result of possible exposure to COVID-19, while the school itself remains open for in-person instruction, the school district may offer virtual or remote instruction to those students in a manner commensurate with in-



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person instruction to the extent possible. In circumstances when the school facilities remain open and in-person instruction continues in those classrooms that are not required to quarantine, those days in session will also count toward the school district's 180-day requirement in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9.

The school district anticipates updates to The Road Forward and as such this Policy is subject to review by the Superintendent to ensure compliance with Orders that may arise after Board adoption of this Policy. All revisions to Orders affecting this Policy and corresponding Appendices shall be reviewed by the Superintendent with the Board Attorney, School Physician, and Board of Education, if appropriate. The Superintendent may revise the health and safety protocols included in any Appendix as necessary and appropriate. All students, parents, and staff members will be notified of any changes to school district-developed protocols implemented as a result of this Policy, as appropriate.

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SCHOOL EMPLOYEE VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

1648.13 SCHOOL EMPLOYEE VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with Executive Order No. 253 signed by the Governor of New Jersey on August 23, 2021, the Board shall adopt and maintain a policy that requires all covered workers to either provide adequate proof that they have been fully vaccinated or submit to COVID-19 testing at a minimum of one to two times each week.

This requirement shall take effect on October 18, 2021, at which time any covered workers that have not provided adequate proof to the school district that they are fully vaccinated must submit to COVID-19 testing at a minimum of one to two times each week on an ongoing basis until fully vaccinated.

For purposes of Executive Order 253 and this Policy, “covered workers” shall include all individuals employed by the Board of Education, both full and part-time, including, but not limited to, administrators; teachers; educational support professionals; individuals providing food, custodial, and administrative support services; substitute teachers, whether employed directly by the Board of Education or otherwise contracted; contractors; providers; and any other individuals performing work in the school district whose job duties require them to make regular visits to the school district, including volunteers. Covered workers do not include individuals who visit the school district only to provide one-time or limited duration repairs, services, or construction.

A covered worker shall be considered “fully vaccinated” for COVID-19 two weeks or more after they have received the second dose in a two-dose series or two weeks or more after they have received a single-dose vaccine. Individuals will only be considered fully vaccinated after they have received a COVID-19 vaccine that is currently authorized for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or the World Health Organization (WHO), or that are approved for use by the same.

Workers who are not fully vaccinated, or for whom vaccination status is unknown, or who have not provided sufficient proof of documentation, shall be considered unvaccinated in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 253.

Covered workers shall demonstrate proof of full vaccination status by presenting any of the following documents if they list COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized for EUA by the FDA or the WHO, or that are approved for use by the same, along with an administration date for each dose:



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1. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 Vaccination Card issued to the vaccine recipient by the vaccination site, or an electronic or physical copy of the same;
2. Official record from the New Jersey Immunization Information System (NJIS) or other State immunization registry;
3. A record from a health care provider's portal/medical record system on official letterhead signed by a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, registered nurse, or pharmacist;
4. A military immunization or health record from the United States Armed Forces; or
5. Docket mobile phone application record or any State specific application that produces a digital health record.

The Board of Education's collection of vaccination information from covered workers shall comport with all Federal and State laws, including, but not limited to, the Americans with Disabilities Act, that regulate the collection and storage of that information.

To satisfy the testing requirement of Executive Order 253 and this Policy, an unvaccinated covered worker must undergo screening testing at a minimum of one to two times each week, to be determined by the Superintendent of Schools.

An unvaccinated covered worker is required to submit proof of a COVID-19 test. The unvaccinated covered worker may choose either antigen or molecular tests that have EUA by the FDA or are operating per the Laboratory Developed Test requirements by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Where a Board of Education provides the unvaccinated covered worker with on-site COVID-19 test(s), the school district may similarly elect to administer or provide access to either an antigen or molecular test.

If the covered worker is not working on-site in the school district during a week when testing would otherwise be required, the Superintendent or designee may not require the worker to submit to testing for that week. This requirement shall not supplant any requirement imposed by the Board of Education regarding



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diagnostic testing of symptomatic workers or screening testing of vaccinated workers.

The Board of Education shall track test results required by Executive Order 253 and must report those results to the local public health department.

Nothing in Executive Order 253 and this Policy shall prevent a Board of Education from revising this Policy to include additional or stricter requirements, as long as such revisions comport with the minimum requirements of Executive Order 253.

Executive Order 253 authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH) to issue a directive supplementing the requirements outlined in Executive Order 253, which may include, but not be limited to, any requirements for reporting vaccination and testing data to the DOH. Actions taken by the Commissioner of the DOH pursuant to Executive Order 253 shall not be subject to the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq.

This Policy shall be supplemented by Policy 1648.11 – Appendix A, which shall include the school district’s protocols implementing the provisions of this Policy.

The Superintendent is authorized to implement revisions to provisions in this Policy based on any subsequent Executive Orders or any additional mandates that affect any provisions of this Policy. Any such revisions in this Policy shall be submitted by the Superintendent to the Board of Education for ratification if the Board cannot approve such revisions before the effective date.

Executive Order 253 – August 23, 2021

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2423 BILINGUAL AND ESL EDUCATION

The Board of Education will provide programs of bilingual education, English as a second language (ESL), and English language services program for English language learners (ELLs) as required by law and rules of the New Jersey State Board of Education. ELLs are those students whose native language is other than English and who have varying degrees of English language proficiency in any one of the domains of speaking, reading, writing, or listening and is synonymous with limited English speaking ability pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18:35-15 through 26.1.

Identification of Eligible ELLs

The district shall use a multi-step process at the time of enrollment to determine the native language of each ELL. The district shall:

1. Maintain a census indicating all identified students whose native language is other than English; and
2. Administer the Statewide home-language survey to determine which students in Kindergarten to grade twelve whose native language is other than English must be screened further to determine English language proficiency. The Statewide home-language survey shall be administered by a bilingual/ESL or other certified teacher and shall be designed to distinguish students who are proficient English speakers and need no further testing.

The district shall determine the English language proficiency of all Kindergarten to grade twelve students who are not screened out and whose native language is other than English by administering an English language proficiency test, assessing the level of reading in English, reviewing the previous academic performance of students, including their performance on standardized tests in English, and reviewing the input of teaching staff members responsible for the educational program for ELLs. Students who do not meet the New Jersey Department of Education (Department) standard on a language proficiency test and who have at least one other indicator shall be considered ELLs. The district shall also use age-appropriate methodologies to identify preschool ELLs to determine their individual language development needs.



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Bilingual Programs for ELLs

The district shall provide the following programs:

1. An English language services program in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.2;
2. An ESL program in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.2; and
3. A bilingual education program in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.2.

All teachers in these programs shall be appropriately certified in accordance with the requirements as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.9. Every student participating in a bilingual, ESL, or English language services program shall be entitled to continue such participation for a period of three years pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:35-19.

Bilingual, English as a Second Language, and English Language Services Program Enrollment, Assessment, Exit, and Re-entry

Students enrolled in the bilingual, ESL, or English language services program shall be assessed annually using English Language Placement (ELP) assessments to determine their progress in achieving English language proficiency goals and readiness for exiting the program. Students who meet the criteria for Statewide alternate assessments, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.10(a)2., shall be assessed annually using an alternate ELP assessment.

ELLs enrolled in the bilingual, ESL, or English language services program shall be placed in a monolingual English program when they have demonstrated readiness to exit a bilingual, ESL, or English language services program through a Department-established criteria on an ELP assessment and a Department-established English language observation form. A student shall first achieve the Department established English proficiency standard as measured by an ELP assessment. The student's readiness shall be further assessed by the use of a Department-established English language observation form that considers, at a minimum: classroom performance; the student's reading level in English; the judgment of the teaching staff member or members responsible for the educational program of the student; and performance on achievement tests in English.



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In accordance with provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:35-22.1, a parent may remove a student who is enrolled in a bilingual education program at any time; except that during the first three years of a student's participation in a bilingual education program, the parent may only remove the student at the end of each school year.

If a parent wishes to remove the student prior to the end of each school year, the removal shall be approved by the Executive County Superintendent. If the Executive County Superintendent determines the student should remain in the bilingual education program until the end of the school year, the parent may appeal the Executive County Superintendent's decision to the Commissioner of Education or designee pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:35-19.2.

Newly exited students who are not progressing in the mainstream English program may be considered for re-entry to bilingual and ESL programs in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.10(e)1. through (e)5.

When the review process for exiting a student from a bilingual, ESL, or English language services program has been completed, the student's parent shall be informed by mail of the placement determination. A parent or teaching staff member who disagrees with the proposed placement may appeal the decision in writing to the Superintendent of Schools or designee, who will provide a written explanation for the decision within seven working days. The complainant may appeal this decision in writing to the Board within seven calendar days of receiving the Superintendent's or designee's written explanation of the decision. The Board will review the appeal and respond in writing to the parent within forty-five calendar days of the Board's receipt of the parent's written appeal to the Board. Upon exhausting an appeal to the Board, the complainant may appeal to the Commissioner of Education.

Parental Involvement

The parents of ELLs will be notified in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.13 that their child has been identified as eligible for enrollment in a bilingual, ESL, or English language services education program. Notice shall be in writing and in the language in which the parent(s) possesses a primary speaking ability, and in English. The notice must also include a statement that the parents have the option of declining their child's enrollment in a bilingual program, and shall be given an opportunity to do so if they choose.



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The district will notify the parents of ELLs by mail within thirty days of the child's identification.

Parents shall receive progress reports of students enrolled in bilingual, ESL, or English language services programs in the same manner and frequency as progress reports are sent to parents of other students enrolled in the district.

The Superintendent or designee will provide for the maximum practical involvement of parent(s) of ELLs in the development and review of program objectives and dissemination of information to and from the district Boards of Education and communities served by the bilingual, ESL, or English language services education programs. A district that implements a bilingual education program shall establish a parent advisory committee on bilingual education of which the majority membership shall be parents of ELLs.

Graduation

ELLs will qualify for graduation from high school in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1(a) and Policy 5460.

Program Plan

The Superintendent shall prepare and submit a plan for a bilingual, ESL, or English language services program every three years to the Board and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.6.

N.J.S.A. 18A:35-15 through 18A:35-26.1
N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.10; 6A:15-1.1 et seq.

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A. Definitions (N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.2)

1. “Alternate English language proficiency assessment” (alternate ELP assessment) means a New Jersey Department of Education-approved assessment for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities that assesses a student’s English language proficiency on the four domains of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, and that is aligned with the State’s academic achievement standards, as permitted under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
2. “Bilingual education program” means a full-time program of instruction in all courses or subjects that a child is required by law or rule to receive, given in the native language of English language learners (ELLs) enrolled in the program and also in English; in the aural comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing of the native language of ELLs enrolled in the program, and in the aural comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing of English; and in the history and culture of the country, territory, or geographic area that is the native land of the parents of ELLs enrolled in the program, and in the history and culture of the United States.
3. “Bilingual part-time component” means a program alternative in which students are assigned to mainstream English program classes, but are scheduled daily for their developmental reading and mathematics instruction with a certified bilingual teacher.
4. “Bilingual resource program” means a program alternative in which students receive, on an individual basis, daily instruction from a certified bilingual teacher in identified subjects and with specific assignments.



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5. “Bilingual tutorial program” means a program alternative in which students receive one period of instruction from a certified bilingual teacher in a content area required for graduation and a second period of tutoring in other required content areas.
6. “Dual-language bilingual education program” means a full-time program of instruction in elementary and secondary schools that provides structured English language instruction and instruction in a second language in all content areas for ELLs and for native English-speaking students enrolled in the program.
7. “Educational needs” means the particular educational requirements of ELLs; the fulfillment of which will provide them with equal educational opportunities.
8. “English as a second language (ESL) program” means a daily developmental second-language program of at least one period of instruction based on student language proficiency that teaches aural comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing in English using second language teaching techniques, and incorporates the cultural aspects of the students’ experiences in their ESL instruction. A period is the time allocated in the school schedule for instruction in core subjects.
9. “English language development standards” means the 2012 Amplification of the English Language Development Standards, Kindergarten - Grade 12, incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented, developed by the World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Consortium. They are the standards and language competencies ELLs in preschool programs and elementary and secondary schools need to become fully proficient in English and to have unrestricted access to grade-appropriate instruction in challenging academic subjects. The standards are published by the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, on behalf of the WIDA Consortium (www.wida.us) and are available for review at <http://www.wida.us/standards/eld.aspx>.



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10. “English language learner” or “ELL” means a student whose native language is other than English. The term refers to students with varying degrees of English language proficiency in any one of the domains of speaking, reading, writing, or listening and is synonymous with limited English-speaking ability as used in N.J.S.A. 18A:35-15 to 26.
11. “English language proficiency assessment” (ELP assessment) means a New Jersey Department of Education-approved assessment that evaluates a student’s English language proficiency on the four domains of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, and that is aligned with the State’s academic achievement standards as permitted under ESSA.
12. “English language services” means services designed to improve the English language skills of ELLs. The services, provided in school districts with less than ten ELLs, are in addition to the regular school program and are designed to develop aural comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing skills in English.
13. “Exit criteria” means the criteria that must be applied before a student may be exited from a bilingual, ESL, or English language services education program.
14. “High-intensity ESL program” means a program alternative in which students receive two or more class periods a day of ESL instruction. One period is the standard ESL class and the other period is a tutorial or ESL reading class.
15. “Instructional program alternative” means a part-time program of instruction that may be established by a Board of Education in consultation with and approval of the New Jersey Department of Education (Department). All students in an instructional program alternative receive English as a second language.



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16. “Native language” means the language or mode of communication normally used by a person with a limited ability to speak or understand the English language. In the case of a student, the native language is the language normally used by the student’s parents, except that in all direct contact with a student, including during the evaluation of the child, the native language is the language normally used by the student in the home or in the learning environment.
 17. “NJSLS” means the New Jersey Student Learning Standards as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:8-1.3.
 18. “Parent(s)” for the purposes of Policy 2423 and this Regulation means the natural parent(s) or the legal guardian(s), foster parent(s), surrogate parent(s), or person acting in the place of a parent with whom the student legally resides. When parents are separated or divorced, parent means the person(s) who has legal custody of the student, provided such parental rights have not been terminated by a court of appropriate jurisdiction.
 19. “Review process” means the process established by the Board to assess ELLs for exit from bilingual, ESL, or English language services programs.
 20. “Sheltered English instruction” means an instructional approach used to make academic instruction in English understandable to ELLs. Sheltered English classes are taught by regular classroom teachers who have received training on strategies to make subject-area content comprehensible for ELLs.
- B. Identification of Eligible English Language Learners (ELLs) (N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.3)
1. The district shall use a multi-step process at the time of enrollment to determine the native language of each ELL. The district shall:
 - a. Maintain a census indicating all identified students whose native language is other than English; and



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- b. Administer the Statewide home-language survey to determine which students in Kindergarten to grade twelve whose native language is other than English must be screened further to determine English language proficiency. The Statewide home-language survey shall be administered by a bilingual/ESL or other certified teacher and shall be designed to distinguish students who are proficient English speakers and need no further testing.
 2. The district shall determine the English language proficiency of all Kindergarten to grade twelve students who are not screened out and whose native language is other than English, by administering an English language proficiency test, assessing the level of reading in English, reviewing the previous academic performance of students, including their performance on standardized tests in English, and reviewing the input of teaching staff members responsible for the educational program for ELLs. Students who do not meet the Department standard on a language proficiency test and who have at least one other indicator shall be considered ELLs. The district shall also use age-appropriate methodologies to identify preschool ELLs to determine their individual language development needs.
- C. Bilingual Programs for English Language Learners (ELLs) (N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.4)
 1. The Board shall provide all Kindergarten to grade twelve ELLs enrolled in the district pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:7F-46 with all required courses and support services outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.4 (b) through (h) and C.2. through C.8. below to prepare ELLs to meet the NJSLs for high school graduation. This may include tutoring, after-school programs, summer programs, and remedial services as needed by ELLs. The district shall also provide appropriate instructional programs to eligible pre-school ELLs based on need according to the New Jersey Preschool Program Implementation Guidelines, 2015.



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The guidelines provide developmentally appropriate recommendations for good practice and are intended for school districts that provide preschool programs.

2. The Board shall establish English language services designed to improve the English language proficiency of ELLs whenever there are at least one, but fewer than, ten ELLs enrolled in the school district. English language services shall be provided in addition to the regular school program.
3. The Board shall establish an ESL program that provides at least one period of ESL instruction based on student language proficiency whenever there are ten or more ELLs enrolled in the school district.
 - a. An ESL curriculum that addresses the WIDA English language development standards shall be developed and adopted by the Board to address the instructional needs of ELLs.
 - b. The ESL curriculum shall be cross-referenced to the district's bilingual education and content area curricula to ensure that ESL instruction is correlated to all the content areas taught.
4. The Board shall establish bilingual education programs whenever there are twenty or more ELLs in any one-language classification enrolled in the school district pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:35-18. Bilingual education programs shall:
 - a. Be designed to prepare ELLs to acquire sufficient English skills and content knowledge to meet the NJSLs. All ELLs participating in the bilingual programs shall also receive ESL instruction;
 - b. Include a curriculum that addresses the NJSLs, the WIDA English language development standards, and the use of two languages. The bilingual education curriculum shall be adopted by the Board; and



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- c. Include the full range of required courses and activities offered on the same basis and under the same rules that apply to all students within the school district.
5. ELLs shall be provided with equitable instructional opportunities to participate in all non-academic courses necessary to meet the NJSLs, including comprehensive health and physical education, the visual and performing arts, and career awareness programs. The instructional opportunities shall be designed to assist ELLs to fully comprehend all subject matter and demonstrate their mastery of the content matter.
6. The Board shall offer sufficient courses and other relevant supplemental instructional opportunities in grades nine through twelve to enable ELLs to meet the NJSLs for graduation. When sufficient numbers of students are not available to form a bilingual class in a subject area, the Board shall develop plans in consultation with and approved by the Department to meet the needs of the students.
7. In addition to N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.4(a) through (f) and C.1. through C.6. above, the Board shall design additional programs and services to meet the special needs of eligible ELLs and include, but not be limited to: remedial instruction through Title I programs; special education; school-to-work programs; computer training; and gifted and talented education services.
8. The Board may establish dual-language bilingual education programs in its schools and may make provisions for the coordination of instruction and services with the school district's world languages program. Dual-language bilingual education programs shall also enroll students whose primary language is English, and shall be designed to help students achieve proficiency in English and in a second language while mastering subject-matter skills. To the extent necessary, instruction shall be in all courses or subjects of study that allow students to meet all grade promotion and graduation standards. Where possible, classes in dual-language bilingual programs shall be comprised of approximately equal numbers of ELLs and of students whose native language is English.



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9. The Board may establish a program in bilingual education for any language classification with fewer than twenty students.
- D. Waiver Process Provided by Statute (N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.5)

The school district may request a waiver from N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.4(d) and C.4. above to establish annually an instructional program alternative with the approval of the Department when there are twenty or more students eligible for the bilingual education program in grades Kindergarten through twelve, and the school district is able to demonstrate that it would be impractical to provide a full-time bilingual program due to age range, grade span, and/or geographic location of eligible students.

1. Instructional program alternatives shall be developed in consultation with and approved annually by the Department after review of student enrollment and achievement data. All bilingual instructional program alternatives shall be designed to assist ELLs to develop sufficient English skills and subject-matter skills to meet the NJSLS.
2. The instructional program alternatives that shall be established include, but are not limited to: the bilingual part-time component; the bilingual resource program; the bilingual tutorial program; the sheltered English instruction program; and the high-intensity ESL program.
3. In the event the district implements program alternatives, the district shall annually submit student enrollment and achievement data that demonstrate the continued need for the programs.



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E. Approval Procedures (N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.6)

1. If the district provides a bilingual program, ESL program, or English language services, the district shall submit a plan every three years to the Department for approval. At its discretion, the Department may request modifications, as appropriate.
 - a. Plans submitted by the Board for approval shall include information on the following:
 - (1) Identification of students;
 - (2) Program description;
 - (3) The number of certified staff hired for the program;
 - (4) Bilingual and ESL curriculum development;
 - (5) Evaluation design;
 - (6) Review process for exit; and
 - (7) A budget for bilingual and ESL programs or English language services.

F. Supportive Services (N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.7)

1. Students enrolled in bilingual, ESL, or English language services programs shall have full access to educational services available to other students in the school district.
2. To the extent that is administratively feasible, supportive services to ELLs, such as counseling, tutoring, and career guidance, should be provided by bilingual personnel who are familiar with and knowledgeable of the unique needs and background of the ELLs and their parents.



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G. In-service Training (N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.8)

1. The Board shall develop a plan for in-service training for bilingual, ESL, and mainstream teachers; administrators who supervise bilingual/ESL programs; and administrators and any personnel who observe and evaluate teachers of ELLs. The plan shall include instructional strategies and appropriate assessments to help ELLs meet the NJSLs and the WIDA English language development standards. All bilingual and ESL teachers shall receive training in the use of the ESL curriculum.
2. The Professional Development Plan of the school district shall include the needs of bilingual and ESL teachers, which shall be addressed through in-service training.

H. Certification (N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.9)

1. All teachers of bilingual classes shall hold a valid New Jersey instructional certificate with an endorsement for the appropriate grade level and/or content area, as well as an endorsement in bilingual education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-38 et seq. and 18A:35-15 to 26.1.
2. All teachers of ESL classes shall hold a valid New Jersey instructional certificate in ESL pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-38 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-10.5.
3. All teachers providing English Language Services shall hold a valid New Jersey instructional certificate.



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- I. Bilingual, English as a Second Language, and English Language Services Program Enrollment, Assessment, Exit, and Re-entry (N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.10)
 1. All ELLs from Kindergarten through grade twelve shall be enrolled in the bilingual, ESL, or English language services education program established by the Board as prescribed in N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.4(b) through (e) and 1.5(a), C.2. through C.5. and D. above, and P.L. 1995, c. 59 and c. 327.
 2. Students enrolled in the bilingual, ESL, or English language services program shall be assessed annually using ELP assessments to determine their progress in achieving English language proficiency goals and readiness for exiting the program. Students who meet the criteria for Statewide alternate assessments, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.10(a)2, shall be assessed annually using an alternate ELP assessment.
 2. ELLs enrolled in the bilingual, ESL, or English language services program shall be placed in a monolingual English program when they have demonstrated readiness to exit a bilingual, ESL, or ELS program through Department-established criteria on an ELP assessment and a Department-established English language observation form. A first achieve the Department-established English proficiency standard as measured by an ELP assessment. The student's readiness shall be further assessed by the use of a Department-established English language observation form that considers, at a minimum: classroom performance; the student's reading level in English; the judgment of the teaching staff member or members responsible for the educational program of the student; and performance on achievement tests in English.
 - a. Pursuant to C.F.R. §200.6(h)(4)(ii), an ELL with a disability whose disability makes it impossible for the student to be assessed in a particular domain because there are no appropriate accommodations for assessing the student in that domain may be exited from ELL status based on the student's score on the remaining domains in which the student was assessed.



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4. A parent may remove a student who is enrolled in a bilingual education program pursuant to provisions in N.J.S.A. 18A:35-22.1.
5. Newly exited students who are not progressing in the mainstream English program may be considered for reentry to bilingual and ESL programs as follows:
 - a. After a minimum of one-half an academic year and within two years of exit, the mainstream English classroom teacher may recommend retesting with the approval of the Principal.
 - b. A waiver of the minimum time limitation may be approved by the Executive County Superintendent upon request of the Superintendent if the student is experiencing extreme difficulty in adjusting to the mainstream program.
 - c. The recommendation for retesting shall be based on the teacher's judgment that the student is experiencing difficulties due to problems in using English as evidenced by the student's inability to: communicate effectively with peers and adults; understand directions given by the teacher; and/or comprehend basic verbal and written materials.
 - d. The student shall be tested using a different form of the test or a different language proficiency test than the one used to exit the student.
 - e. If the student scores below the State-established standard on the language proficiency test, the student shall be re-enrolled into the bilingual or ESL program.



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6. When the review process for exiting a student from a bilingual, ESL, or English language services program has been completed, the district shall notify by mail the student's parent(s) of the placement determination. If the parent(s) or teaching staff member disagrees with the placement, they may appeal the placement decision in writing to the Superintendent or designee, who will provide a written explanation for the decision within seven working days of receiving the written appeal. The complainant may appeal this decision in writing to the Board within seven calendar days of receiving the Superintendent's or designee's written explanation of the decision. The Board will review the appeal and respond in writing to the parent within forty-five calendar days of the Board's receipt of the parent's written appeal to the Board. Upon exhausting an appeal to the Board, the complainant may appeal to the Commissioner of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-9 and N.J.A.C. 6A:3.
- J. Graduation Requirements for English Language Learners (N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.11)

All ELLs shall satisfy requirements for high school graduation according to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1(a).
- K. Location (N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.12)

All bilingual, ESL, and English language services programs shall be conducted within classrooms within the regular school buildings of the school district pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:35-20.
- L. Notification (N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.13)
 1. The school district shall notify by mail the parents of ELLs of the fact that their child has been identified as eligible for enrollment in a bilingual, ESL, or English language services education program. The district shall issue the notification within thirty days of the child's identification. Notice shall include a statement that the parents may decline their child's enrollment in a bilingual program, and they shall be given an opportunity to do so if they choose.



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The notice shall be in writing and in the language in which the parent(s) possesses a primary speaking ability, and in English, and shall include the following information:

- a. Why the student was identified as an ELL;
 - b. Why the student needs to be placed in a language instructional educational program that will help them develop and attain English proficiency and meet the NJSLS;
 - c. The student's level of English proficiency, how the level of English proficiency was assessed, and the student's academic level;
 - d. The method of instruction the school district will use to serve the student, including a description of other instruction methods available and how those methods differ in content, instructional goals, and the use of English and a native language, if applicable;
 - e. How the program will meet the student's specific needs in attaining English and meeting State standards;
 - f. The program's exit requirements, the expected rate of transition into a classroom not tailored for ELLs and, in the case of high school students, the expected rate of graduation; and
 - g. How the instructional program will meet the objectives of the individualized education program of a student with a disability.
2. The school district shall send progress reports to parent(s) of students enrolled in a bilingual, ESL, or English language services programs in the same manner and frequency as progress reports are sent to parent(s) of other students enrolled in the school district.



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3. Progress reports shall be written in English and in the native language of the parent(s) of students enrolled in the bilingual and ESL program unless the school district can demonstrate and document in the three-year plan required in N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.6(a) that the requirement would place an unreasonable burden on the district.
4. The school district shall notify the parent(s) when students meet the exit criteria and are placed in a monolingual English program. The notice shall be in English and in the language in which the parent(s) possesses a primary speaking ability.

M. Joint Programs (N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.14)

With approval of the Executive County Superintendent on a case-by-case basis, a school district may join with another Board to provide bilingual, ESL, or English language services programs.

N. Parental Involvement (N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.15)

1. The district shall provide for the maximum practicable involvement of parent(s) of ELLs in the development and review of program objectives and dissemination of information to and from the district Boards of Education and communities served by the bilingual, ESL, or English language services education programs.
2. If the district implements a bilingual education program, the district shall establish a parent advisory committee on bilingual education of which the majority membership shall be parent(s) of ELLs.

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PROFESSIONAL STAFF ATTENDANCE REVIEW & IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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A. Review of Attendance Data

1. A record shall be kept of the attendance of each teaching staff member, including teachers, educational services personnel, and administrators. Any absence, for part or all of a school day, shall be recorded along with the reason for the absence. The record will distinguish sick leave, professional days, unpaid leaves of absence, personal leave, and other approved leaves. The employee's attendance record will include notation of verification of an absence where such verification is required by Policy No. 3432. The employee's rate of absence shall be calculated every pay period and entered on his/her attendance record. An employee's attendance record shall be part of the employee's personnel file.
2. At the end of each year, a cumulative attendance record shall be assembled for each school and for the district.
3. An attendance summary shall be prepared from the cumulative attendance record. The attendance summary shall show the rate of absence for each school and for the district. The attendance summary shall be posted in each school of the district.
4. A record shall be made of the appointment of substitutes for absent employees and the wages paid to substitutes.

B. Attendance Improvement Plan

1. Planning

The Superintendent will meet with Principals and appropriate administrators to discuss the attendance summary. The attendance summary shall be analyzed for patterns of absence, such as excessive absenteeism in a given school or work place, among certain groups of employees, for certain specific causes, or on certain days of the week, month, or year.



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Specific strategies for reducing the rate of absence shall be developed.

2. Staff Attendance Strategies

- a. Principals will announce at the staff meeting in July/September that attendance is a criterion for contract renewal and that it will be reviewed regularly. The district is looking for a pattern of poor attendance.
- b. Physician's notes are required after three or more consecutive sick days.
- c. Staff with chronic absences will be counseled by their immediate supervisor concerning their absences. When a staff member reaches five cumulative sick days for 10 month staff member or six cumulative sick days for 12 month staff, the following shall occur:
 1. Staff member will meet with Principal or designee to present documents to support the absences.
 2. When no documentation exists, a plan will be developed to improve staff member attendance.
- d. When staff members who have been absent for sick leave (seven or more days per year for 10 month staff; eight or more days per year for 12 month staff, the following shall occur:
 1. Staff member will meet with Principal or designee to present documents to support the absences.
 2. Staff member may get a supervisory memo in their personnel file concerning their attendance and it will be documented in their annual evaluation as it relates to their performance.



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- e. Staff members who have exhausted all of their available leave days will receive a notice of unsatisfactory attendance and will be docked for every subsequent day out and will no longer have the option for direct deposit for the remainder of the school year.
- f. If an employee who has received notice of unsatisfactory attendance continues to maintain an unsatisfactory attendance record during the next succeeding school year, the staff member will be placed on a corrective action plan to improve attendance.
- g. If the employee's unsatisfactory attendance persists into a third year, after the above-described actions, the Board of Education will consider withholding of increment and/or other action when considering the final evaluation of the employee.

3. Implementation

- a. The Principal shall be responsible for implementing the district's plan for the improvement of professional staff member attendance in his/her school building.
- b. The Principal shall encourage the regular attendance of the teaching staff members in his/her building. He/She shall maintain contact with absent employees and confer personally with each employee who returns from an absence of any duration, impressing upon employees the district's concern for their health and well-being. The Principal shall, by appropriate means, recognize teaching staff members whose attendance is exemplary.
- c. The Principal shall incorporate, and shall direct other supervisors to incorporate, a teaching staff member's attendance record in his/her evaluation.



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- d. The Principal may require teachers to evaluate the work done by substitutes in their absence.
- e. The Principal shall report to the Superintendent any teaching staff member whom he/she suspects of misusing sick leave or falsifying the reasons for absence.

4. In-service Training

The Principal shall meet with the teaching staff members assigned to his/her building at the beginning of each school year to inform employees of Board policy and district regulations on attendance, to familiarize employees with the forms to be used in reporting and verifying absences, to review with employees the cost of absenteeism to the district and the value of accumulated sick leave to the employee, and to acquaint employees with the degree to which attendance will affect evaluation reports.

5. Counseling

- a. The Principal may, in his/her discretion, call a conference with a teaching staff member where the number and/or pattern of the member's absences or the reasons offered for the member's absences indicate a misunderstanding of the teaching staff member's responsibility to the school district or the possible misuse of the privilege of paid leave.
- b. Prior to the giving of any admonition or reprimand or imposition of discipline of any kind, the Principal shall determine the nature of the absences and consider any extenuating circumstances.
- c. A written report of any attendance conference shall be prepared and retained with the teaching staff member's evaluations. The member shall, in accordance with Board policy on teaching staff member evaluation, be permitted to examine the report and affix his/her comments, if any, to the report.



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A. Reporting Intended Absence

1. A support staff member who anticipates absence from work will notify the substitute caller system at least a half hour before your scheduled start time for High School Staff and one hour before your scheduled start time for all other staff, before the intended absence, whenever possible.
2. The following information will be provided:
 - a. The day and date of the intended absence; and
 - b. The reason for the absence.
3. Employees must report absences daily for each intended absence unless absence for more than one day has been approved in advance by the Board of Education.
4. Physician's notes are required after three or more consecutive sick days.

B. Analysis of Absence

1. Each intended absence of a support staff member shall be reported to his/her immediate supervisor, who shall determine whether or not a replacement is required for the period of absence.
2. The immediate supervisor shall determine whether the absence is acceptable or requires further verification. Reasons for verification include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a. A pattern of absences on the same day(s) of the week;
 - b. A pattern of absences before or after nonworking days;
 - c. The exhaustion or near exhaustion of accumulated sick leave; and
 - d. The habitual exhaustion of personal leave.

C. Review of Absence

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1. Staff with chronic absences will be counseled by their immediate supervisor concerning their absences. When a staff member reaches five cumulative sick days for 10 month staff or six cumulative sick days for 12 month staff, the following shall occur:
 - a. Staff member will meet with Principal or designee to present documents to support the absences.
 - b. When no documentation exists, a plan will be developed to improve staff member attendance.
2. When staff members who have been absent for sick leave (seven or more days per year for 10 month staff; eight or more days per year for 12 month staff), the following shall occur:
 - a. Staff member will meet with Principal or designee to present documents to support the absences.
 - b. Staff member may get a supervisory memo in their personnel file concerning their attendance and it will be documented in their annual evaluation as it relates to their performance.

D. Record of Attendance

1. A record shall be kept of the attendance of each support staff member, including administrators. Any absence, for part or all of a school day, shall be recorded along with the reason for the absence. An employee's attendance record shall be part of the employee's personnel file.
2. The record will distinguish paid leave, such as sick leave, personal days, family illness, and jury duty from unpaid leave, such as excessive sick or personal leave. The employee's attendance record will include notation of verification of an absence where such verification is required by Policy No. 4432.
3. The record will include each employee's rate of absence as calculated annually.
4. At the end of each school year a cumulative attendance record shall be assembled for each school and for the district. An attendance summary shall be prepared from the cumulative attendance record. The attendance summary shall show:
 - a. The rate of absence for the district and each school in the district,
 - b. The rate of absence for each employee in rate order showing highest rate first and average rate for the district,

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E. Attendance Improvement Plan

1. The attendance summary shall be analyzed for patterns of absence, such as excessive absenteeism in a given school or work place, among certain groups of employees, for certain specific causes, or on certain days of the week, month, or year.
2. Specific strategies for reducing the rate of absence shall be developed and submitted to the Superintendent.
3. The Principal shall be responsible for implementing the approved plan for the improvement of staff member attendance in his/her school building.

F. In-service Training

The Principal or immediate supervisor shall meet with the support staff members assigned to his/her building at the beginning of each school year to:

1. Inform employees of Board policy and district regulations on attendance;
2. Familiarize employees with the procedures to be used in reporting and verifying absences;
3. Review with employees the cost of absenteeism to the district and the value of accumulated sick leave to the employee; and
4. Acquaint employees with the degree to which attendance will affect evaluation reports.

G. Discipline

1. The record of a conference(s) dealing with excessive absenteeism may serve as an element in the evaluation of any employee's performance and may contribute to a salary recommendation.
2. Employees who do not correct excessive and/or patterns of absences after administrative conferencing and support may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including, discharge from employment.

Adopted:

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The Board embraces energy conservation and believes it to be our responsibility to ensure that every reasonable effort is made to conserve energy and natural resources while exercising sound financial management.

We recognize the importance of adopting an energy conservation policy to govern this program. We also affirm the implementation of this policy will be the joint responsibility of the board, administration, faculty, staff, students, support personnel, and Cenergistic. Success is based on cooperation amid all groups.

To ensure the overall success of our behavior-based energy conservation program, the following areas will be emphasized:

1. A designated campus Administrator will be accountable for energy conservation on his/her campus with Energy Specialist teams conducting energy audits and providing timely feedback.
2. All personnel at each campus are expected to make a positive contribution to maximize energy conservation and produce real energy savings.
3. Cenergistic will implement its energy conservation program primarily through an energy management team led by the Energy Specialist(s) in accordance with "Energy Guidelines" that will be adopted by administration and will define the "rules of engagement" for our energy program.
4. Accurate records of energy consumption and cost will be maintained by the Energy Specialist for each campus to provide verifiable performance results on the goals and progress of the energy conservation program.

Further, to promote a safe, healthy learning environment and to complement the energy conservation program, each campus shall review and adhere to the preventive maintenance and monitoring plan administered by the campus physical plant for its facilities and systems, including HVAC, building envelope, and moisture management.

Whereas the Board is responsible for overseeing the operations and fiscal accountability of each institution under its governance,

Whereas the Board embraces energy conservation and desire for the organization to become a nationwide institutional leader in energy conservation as part of our social responsibility to respect our natural resources,

Whereas the Board has engaged Cenergistic to use its expertise to develop and implement a comprehensive, behavior-based energy conservation program across the organization,



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Therefore, the Board directs the President/Superintendent and his/her agents to develop and implement short and long-range strategies to maximize energy conservation.

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The Lacey Township Board of Education has partnered with Cenergistic to implement a behavior-based energy conservation program. Through our partnership we plan to reduce non-strategic spending to positively impact our core mission. Lacey township Board of Education remains committed to a safe and healthy learning environment. These guidelines (“Guidelines”) describe the key elements of the Energy Program. Responsible, efficient use of our facilities and resources is an expectation of all employees.

ENERGY PROGRAM GUIDELINES

General Expectations

Each employee is an “energy consumer” and is expected to be an “energy saver.” As such, employees will adhere to these Guidelines during the time that they are present in the organization’s facilities.

To complement the behavioral-based energy conservation program, Lacey Township School District will continue to implement and improve upon a maintenance plan for its facilities and systems, including, but not limited to, HVAC and building envelope. As required, we will continue to implement moisture management strategies where necessary.

Table 1 – Program Expectations

All Employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Turn off lights, etc. when leaving the classroom, office, etc. at the end of the day. (And, wherever applicable, Head custodian/custodial staff will setback locally controlled HVAC.
Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Communicate the purpose and intent of the Energy Program through the distribution of, and commitment to, these Guidelines. ➤ Regularly communicate the importance and impact of the energy conservation program to its internal and external constituents.
Custodial Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensure common areas (i.e., halls, cafeterias, etc.) are operated per Guidelines. ➤ During unoccupied periods, while in the course of regular duties, ensure facility spaces are setback per the Guidelines.
Energy Specialists (Cenergistic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Investigate, report, and facilitate resolution to comfort concerns. ➤ Provide program and site-based updates. ➤ Perform routine audits of all facilities during unoccupied, occupied and transitional periods wherever possible. ➤ Communicate audit results to the appropriate personnel. ➤ Coordinate and collaborate with Facility Managers and site-based Custodial Staff to recommend,



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implement, influence and monitor changes to daily HVAC and lighting operation, including but not limited to the Energy Management Systems (EMS).

- Ensure proper and thorough utilization of data loggers to regularly monitor relative humidity, temperature, and light levels throughout assigned facilities to address comfort concerns and ensure compliance with these Guidelines.
- Coordinate with Business Administrator to distribute flyers in advance of setback periods (i.e. summer break, winter break, etc.) detailing specific expectations for energy management over the break as well as to assist in preparation for the breaks.

Classroom/Office Equipment (All Employees & Leadership)

- Switch off all office machines (copy machines, laminating equipment, etc.) each night and during unoccupied times. Fax machines should remain on.
- Turn all computers off each night per the Department of Information Technology (IT) guidelines. This includes the monitor, local printer, and speakers. Network equipment is excluded.
- All capable PCs should be programmed for the “energy saver” mode using the power management feature. If network constraints restrict this for the PC, ensure the monitor “sleeps” after 10-minutes of inactivity. Ceiling fans should be operated in all areas that have them.
- Equipment such as refrigerators and microwaves will be unplugged over breaks lasting one week or more. Refrigerators should be cleaned out and unplugged ahead of the breaks with the door left open.

HVAC (Custodial Staff)

- Air conditioning start times may be adjusted (depending on weather) to ensure instruction room comfort when instruction begins.
- Instruction room doors and windows should remain closed when HVAC is operating. Ensure doors between conditioned space and non-conditioned space remain closed whenever possible (i.e., between hallways and gym or pool area).
- Ensure dry food storage areas are maintained within code requirements. Typically, this is 55°F-75°F (“F” for Fahrenheit) temperature and 35%-60% Relative Humidity. Utilize loggers to verify.
- For heat pumps, ensure a 6° F dead-band between heating and cooling modes.
- Occupied Period Operation



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- The occupied period in a space begins when the students enter at the beginning of the classroom day or the beginning of an event or activity (e.g. basketball practice).
- Cooling Season Occupied Set Points should range from¹: 72°F - 76°F
- Heating Season Occupied Set Points should range from¹: 68°F - 72°F
- Occupied cooling temperature settings should not be set below 72°F.
- Occupied heating temperature settings should not be set above 74°F.

¹ Set points are in accordance with ASHRAE 55 "Thermal Conditions for Human Occupancy"

- Unoccupied Period Operation

- The unoccupied period in a space begins when the students leave at the end of the classroom day and/or immediately following scheduled extracurricular events, activities, or leases (e.g., basketball games).
- The air conditioning equipment should be set back. The setback temperature setting should be 55°F during the heating season (may be adjusted to a 60°F setting during extreme weather) and 85°F during the cooling season.
- Turn off all exhaust fans.
- Ensure outside air dampers are closed.
- During the spring and fall when there is no threat of freezing, all steam and forced air heating systems should be set back during unoccupied times. Hot water heating systems should be set back using the appropriate loop pumps.
- Relative humidity levels should not exceed 60% for any 24-hour period.
- Use air conditioning sparingly during the summer months for sites not hosting summer school or summer programs. Air conditioning may be used by exception in those facilities that are involved in team/zone cleaning.
- Where cross-ventilation is available during periods of mild weather, it is recommended that HVAC equipment be set back. Cross-ventilation is defined as having windows and/or doors to the outside on each side of a room.



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Lighting (Custodial Staff)

- Turn off all unnecessary lighting in unoccupied areas. Staff should make certain that lights are turned off when leaving the instruction room, or office, when empty.
- Utilize natural lighting where appropriate.
- Turn off all outside lighting during daylight hours.
- Gym lights should not be left on unless the gym is being utilized.
- Turn off all lights when students and staff leave for the day. Staff should turn on lights only in the areas in which they are working.
- Refrain from turning lights on unless needed. Remember that lights not only consume electricity but also give off heat that increases energy needed to cool the room.

Water (Custodial Staff)

- Repair all plumbing and/or intrusion (i.e., roof) leaks immediately after they are reported.
- Domestic hot water systems should be set no higher than 120°F (or 140°F for cafeteria service with dishwasher booster).
- Switch off all domestic hot water re-circulating pumps during extended breaks where possible.

Miscellaneous (All Employees & Leadership)

These guidelines are not intended to be all-inclusive, and they may be modified for local conditions. These guidelines supersede all previous instructions related to energy conservation or facility management and that it be in a collaborative effort with Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA) and contractual obligations with retained energy vendors.

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The Board of Education believes that information about individual students must be compiled and maintained in the interest of the student's educational welfare and advancement. The Board will strive to balance the student's right to privacy against the district's need to collect, retain, and use information about individual students and groups of students. The Board authorizes the establishment and maintenance of student files that include only those records mandated by law, rules of the State Board of Education, authorized administrative directive, and those records permitted by this Board.

The Superintendent shall prepare, present to the Board for approval, and distribute regulations that implement this Policy and conform to applicable State and Federal law and rules of the State Board of Education.

General Considerations

The Board shall compile and maintain student records and regulate access in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. §1232g, and 34 CFR Part 99, disclosure, or communication of information contained in student records in a manner that assures the security of the records in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7 et seq. Student records shall contain only information that is relevant to the education of the student and is objectively based on the personal observations or knowledge of the certified school personnel who originate(s) the record. The district shall provide annual, written notification to parents, adult students, and emancipated minors of their rights in regard to student records and student participation in educational, occupational, and military recruitment programs. Copies of the applicable State and Federal laws and Board policies shall be made available upon request. The district shall make every effort to notify parents and adult students in their dominant language.

Nonadult students may assert rights of access only through their parent(s). However, nothing in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7 shall be construed to prohibit certified school personnel from disclosing at their discretion student records to non-adult students or to appropriate persons in connection with an emergency, if the information contained in the record is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other persons.



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No liability shall be attached to any member, officer, or employee of the Board permitting access or furnishing student records in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7 et seq.

Student Information Directory

A student information directory is a publication of the Board that includes information relating to a student as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-2.1. This information includes: name; grade level; date and place of birth; dates of school attendance; major field of study; participation in officially recognized activities; weight and height relating to athletic team membership; degrees; awards; the most recent educational agency attended by the student; and other similar information. The student information directory shall be used only by authorized district personnel and for designated official use by judicial, law enforcement, and medical personnel and not for general public consumption.

In the event the district publishes a student information directory, the Superintendent or designee will provide a parent or adult student a ten-day period to submit to the Superintendent a written statement prohibiting the inclusion of any or all types of information about the student in any student information directory before allowing access to the directory and school facilities to educational, occupational, and military recruiters pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19.1, P.L. 114-95 §8528, and 20 U.S.C. §8528 - Armed Forces Recruiter Access to Students and Student Recruiting Information of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19.1, military recruiters will be provided the same access to a student information directory that is provided to educational and occupational recruiters.

School Contact Directory for Official Use

A school contact directory for official use is a compilation by the district that includes the following information for each student: name; address; telephone number; date of birth; and school enrollment. The district shall compile and maintain a school contact directory for official use in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.2, that is separate and distinct from the student information directory. The student contact directory may be provided for official use only to judicial and law enforcement personnel, and to medical personnel currently providing services to the student in question. To exclude any information from the school contact directory for official use the parent, adult student, or emancipated minor shall notify the Superintendent or designee in writing.



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Mandated and Permitted Student Records

Mandated student records are those records districts have been directed to compile by State statute, regulations, or authorized administrative directive in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.3.

Permitted student records are those student records not mandated pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.3, but authorized by the Board to promote the student's educational welfare. The Board shall authorize the permitted records to be collected by adopting this Policy and Regulation 8330, which will list such permitted records.

Maintenance and Security of Student Records

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for the security of student records maintained in the district in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.4. This Policy and Regulation 8330 assure that access to student records is limited to authorized persons.

Records for each individual student may be stored electronically or in paper format. When student records are stored electronically, proper security and back-up procedures shall be administered.

Student health records, whether stored on paper or electronically, shall be maintained in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.1(l). Records shall be accessible during the hours in which the school program is in operation.

Any district website shall not disclose any personally identifiable information about a student in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36-35 and N.J.A.C. 6A:32-2.1.

Access to Student Records

Only authorized organizations, agencies, or persons as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5 shall have access to student records, including student health records. Access to student records shall be provided to persons authorized such access under N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.1 et seq. within ten days of a request, but prior to any review or hearing conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A.



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The district may charge a reasonable fee for reproduction of student records, not to exceed the schedule of costs set forth at N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5, provided that the cost does not effectively prevent parents or adult students from exercising their rights under N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7 or other Federal and State rules and regulations regarding students with disabilities, including N.J.A.C. 6A:14.

The district shall control access to, disclosure of, and communication regarding information contained in student health records to assure access only to people permitted by Federal and State statute and regulations in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5(c).

Access to and disclosure of a student's health record shall meet the requirements of FERPA.

Only authorized organizations, agencies, or persons as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5 shall have access to student records, including student health records.

Nothing in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7 et seq. or in this Policy and Regulation 8330 shall be construed to prohibit school personnel from disclosing information contained in the student health record to students or adults in connection with an emergency, if such knowledge is necessary to protect the immediate health or safety of the student or other persons.

In complying with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7 – Student Records, the district shall adhere to requirements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-10, the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) and FERPA.

Conditions for Access to Student Records

All authorized organizations, agencies, and persons defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7 et seq. shall have access to a student record, subject to conditions outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.6.



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Rights of Appeal for Parents and Adult Students

Student records are subject to challenge by parents and adult students on the grounds of inaccuracy, irrelevancy, impermissible disclosure, inclusion of improper information, or denial of access to organizations, agencies, and persons in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.7(a).

To request a change in the student record or to request a stay of disclosure pending final determination of the challenged procedure, the parent or adult student shall follow the procedures pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.7(b).

Appeals relating to student records for students with disabilities shall be processed in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.7(c).

Regardless of the outcome of any appeal, a parent or adult student shall be permitted to place in the student record a statement commenting upon the information in the student record or setting forth any reasons for contesting a portion of the student record, including the decision made in the appeal. The parent's or adult student's statement shall be maintained as part of the student record, as long as the contested portion of the student record is maintained. If the contested portion of the record is disclosed to any party, the statement commenting upon the information shall also be disclosed to that party.

Retention and Disposal of Student Records

A student record is considered to be incomplete and not subject to the provisions of the Destruction of Public Records Law, N.J.S.A. 47:3-15 et seq., while the student is enrolled in the district. The Board shall retain the student health record and the health history and immunization record according to the School District Records Retention Schedule, as determined by the New Jersey State Records Committee.

Student records of currently enrolled students, other than the records described in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.8(f), may be disposed of after the information is no longer necessary to provide educational services to a student and in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.8(c).



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Upon graduation or permanent departure of a student from the district, the parent or adult student shall be notified in writing that a copy of the entire student record will be provided to them upon request. Information in student records, other than that described in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.8(f), may be disposed of, but only in accordance with the Destruction of Public Records Law, N.J.S.A. 47:3-15 et seq. Such disposition shall be in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.8(c)2.

No additions shall be made to the record after graduation or permanent departure without the prior written consent of the parent or adult student.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.8(f), the district of last enrollment, graduation, or permanent departure of the student from the district shall keep for 100 years, a mandated record of a student's name, date of birth, name of parents, gender, health history and immunization, standardized assessment results, grades, attendance, classes attended, grade level completed, year completed, and years of attendance.

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19; 18A:36-19.1; 18A:40-4; 18A:40-19
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.1; 6A:32-7.2; 6A:32-7.3; 6A:32-7.4; 6A:32-7.5;
6A:32-7.6; 6A:32-7.7; 6A:32-7.8
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A. Definitions (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-2.1)

1. “Access” means the right to view, make notes, and/or reproduce a student record.
2. “Adult student” means a person who is at least eighteen years of age is an emancipated minor.
3. “Days in membership” means the number of school days in session in which a student is enrolled. A student’s membership begins on the first possible day of attendance following enrollment during the school year, notwithstanding the actual day the student was recorded as present for the first time.
4. “Health history” means the record of a person’s past health events obtained in writing, completed by the individual or the individual’s physician.
5. “Mandated student records” means student records that school districts compile pursuant to State statute, regulation, or authorized administrative directive.
6. “Parent” means the natural or adoptive parent, legal guardian, surrogate parent appointed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:14-2.2, or a person acting in place of a parent (such as a grandparent or stepparent with whom the student lives or a person legally responsible for the student’s welfare). Unless parental rights have been terminated by a court of appropriate jurisdiction, the parent retains all rights pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:32. In addition, a resource family parent may act as a parent pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:32 if the parent’s authority to make educational decisions on the student’s behalf has been terminated by a court of appropriate jurisdiction.



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7. “Permitted student records” means records that the Board of Education has authorized, by resolution adopted at a regular public meeting, to be collected to promote the educational welfare of students.
8. “Personally identifiable information” means, but is not limited to:
 - a. The student's name;
 - b. The name of the student's parent(s) or other family members;
 - c. The address of the student or the student's family;
 - d. The email address of the student, the student's parent(s), or other family members;
 - e. The telephone number of the student, the student's parent(s), or other family members;
 - f. A personal identifier, such as the student's Social Security number, student number, or biometric record;
 - g. A photo of the student;
 - h. The location and times of class trips;
 - i. Other indirect identifiers, such as the student's date of birth, place of birth, and mother's maiden name;
 - j. Other information that, alone or in combination, is linked or linkable to a specific student that would allow a reasonable person in the school community who does not have personal knowledge of the relevant circumstances to identify the student with reasonable certainty; or
 - k. Information requested by a person who the district, or private agency that provides educational services by means of public funds, reasonably believes knows the identity of the student to whom the student record relates.



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9. "Physical examination" means the assessment of an individual's health, in accordance with the requirements at N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2.
10. "School contact directory for official use" means a compilation by a district that includes the following information for each student: name, address, telephone number, date of birth, and school of enrollment. The directory may be provided for official use only to judicial, law enforcement, and medical personnel.
11. "Student discipline record" means information regarding all disciplinary actions taken against a student by a school district pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-25.1.b. and that is maintained in a student's record.
12. "Student information directory" means a publication of the Board that includes information relating to a student. It shall be used only by authorized school district personnel and for designated official use by judicial, law enforcement, and medical personnel and not for general public consumption. The information shall be the student's: name; grade level; date and place of birth; dates of school attendance; major field of study; participation in officially recognized activities; weight and height relating to athletic team membership; degrees; awards; the most recent educational agency attended by the student; and other similar information.
13. "Student record" means information related to an individual student gathered within or outside the school district and maintained within the school district, regardless of the physical form in which it is maintained. Essential in this definition is the idea that any information that is maintained for the purpose of second-party review is considered a student record. Therefore, information recorded by certified school personnel solely as a memory aid and not for the use of a second party is excluded from this definition. In the absence of any "information related to an individual student," the document(s) no longer meets the definition of "student record."



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B. General Considerations (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.1)

1. The Board shall compile and maintain student records and regulate access in accordance with the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. §1232g, and 34 CFR Part 99, disclosure, or communication of information contained in student records in a manner that assures the security of the records in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.
2. Student records shall contain only information that is relevant to the education of the student and is objectively based on the personal observations or knowledge of the certified school personnel who originate(s) the record.
3. The district shall provide annual, written notification to parents, adult students, and emancipated minors of their rights in regard to student records and student participation in educational, occupational, and military recruitment programs. Copies of the applicable State and Federal laws and Board policies shall be made available upon request. The Board shall make every effort to notify parents and adult students in their dominant language.
4. Nonadult students may assert rights of access only through their parent(s). However, nothing in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7 or in Policy 8330 or this Regulation shall be construed to prohibit certified school personnel from disclosing, at their discretion, student records to non-adult students or to appropriate persons in connection with an emergency, if the information contained in the record is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other persons.
5. The parent or adult student shall have access to the student's records and have access to, or be specifically informed about, only the portion of another student's record that contains information about the student.



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6. All anecdotal information and assessment reports collected on a student shall be dated and signed by the individual who originated the data.
 7. The Superintendent or designee shall require all student records of currently enrolled students to be reviewed annually by certified school personnel to determine the education relevance of the information contained therein. The reviewer shall cause information no longer descriptive of the student or educational program to be deleted from the record, except that prior notice shall be given for students with disabilities in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14, Special Education. The deleted information shall be disposed of and not be recorded elsewhere. No record of any such deletion shall be made.
 8. No liability shall be attached to any member, officer, or employee of the Board permitting access or furnishing student records in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.
 9. When the parent's or adult student's dominant language is not English or the parent or adult student is deaf, the district shall provide interpretation of the student records in the dominant language of the parent or adult student.
 10. Student health records shall be maintained separately from other student records. Student health records also shall be maintained according to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7 until such time as graduation or termination, whereupon the health history and immunization record shall be removed from the student's health record and placed in the student's mandated record.
- C. School Contact Directory for Official Use (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.2)
1. The Board shall compile and maintain a school contact directory for official use that is separate and distinct from the student information directory.



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2. School personnel shall provide information from the school contact directory for official use only to judicial and law enforcement personnel, and to medical personnel currently providing services to the student in question. Upon request from a court, other judicial agency, law enforcement agency, or medical service provider currently providing services to the student in question, school personnel shall promptly verify the enrollment of a student and provide the requester with all information about the student that is contained in the school contact directory for official use.
 32. A parent, adult student, or emancipated minor shall notify, in writing, the Superintendent or designee of their request to exclude any information from the school contact directory for official use.
- D. Mandated and Permitted Student Records (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.3)
1. Mandated student records shall include the following:
 - a. The student's name, address, telephone number, date of birth, name of parent(s), gender, standardized assessment results, grades, record of daily attendance, classes attended, grade level completed, year completed, and years of attendance;
 - b. Descriptions of the student's progress according to the Board's student performance data;
 - c. History and status of physical health compiled in accordance with State regulations, including immunizations and results of any physical examination(s) given by qualified district employees;
 - d. Records pursuant to rules and regulations regarding the education of students with disabilities; and
 - e. All other records required by N.J.A.C. 6A.



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2. Permitted student records are those student records not mandated pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.3, but authorized by the Board to promote the student's educational welfare and include the following as authorized by this Board upon adoption of Policy 8330 and this Regulation. These records may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Personally authenticated observations, assessments, ratings, and anecdotal reports recorded by teaching staff members in the performance of their professional responsibilities and intended for review by another person, provided the record is dated and signed by the originator. Information recorded solely as a memory aid for the originator becomes a student's record when it is reviewed by any other person, including a substitute;
 - b. Information, scores, and results obtained from standardized tests or by approved tests conducted by professional personnel;
 - c. Educationally relevant information provided by the parent or adult student;
 - d. Any correspondence with the student and/or the student's parents;
 - e. Driver education certificate;
 - f. Emergency notification form;
 - g. New student registration form;
 - h. Withdrawal or transfer form;
 - i. Change of schedule form;
 - j. Records of the student's co-curricular and athletic activities and achievements;



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- k. Class rank;
- l. Awards and honors;
- m. Notations of additional records maintained in a separate file;
- n. The statement from a student's parent, adult student, or emancipated minor regarding a contested portion of the record;
- o. Entries indicating review of the file by an authorized person.

E. Maintenance and Security of Student Records (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.4)

- 1. The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for the security of student records maintained in the district and shall devise procedures/regulations for assuring that access to student records is limited to authorized persons.
- 2. The Board may store all student records either electronically or in paper format.
 - a. When student records are stored electronically, proper security and backup procedures shall be administered.
- 3. Student health records, whether stored on paper or electronically, shall be maintained in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.1(l).
- 4. Records shall be accessible during the hours in which the school program is in operation.
- 5. Mandated student records required as part of programs established through State-administered entitlement or discretionary funds from the U.S. Department of Education shall be maintained for a period of five years after a student's graduation or termination from the district, or to age twenty-three, whichever is longer. The mandated student records shall be disposed of in accordance with N.J.S.A. 47:3-15 et seq.



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6. Any district or school website shall not disclose any personally identifiable information about a student, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36-35.
- F. Access to Student Records (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5)
1. Only authorized organizations, agencies, or persons, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5, shall have access to student records, including student health records. Access to student records shall be provided to persons authorized such access under N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.1(g) within ten days of a request, but prior to any review or hearing conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A.
 2. The district may charge a reasonable fee for reproduction of student records, not to exceed the schedule of costs set forth at N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5, provided that the cost does not effectively prevent parents or adult students from exercising their rights under N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7 or other Federal and State rules and regulations regarding students with disabilities, including N.J.A.C. 6A:14.
 3. The district shall control access to, disclosure of, and communication regarding information contained in student health records to assure access only to people permitted by Federal and State statute and regulations or as stated in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5(e) and F.5. below.
 4. Access to, and disclosure of, a student health record shall meet the requirements of FERPA, 20 U.S.C. §1232g, and 34 CFR Part 99.
 5. Organizations, agencies, and persons authorized to access student records shall include only the following:
 - a. The student who has written permission of a parent and the parent of a student under the age of eighteen, regardless of whether the child resides with the parent, except pursuant to N.J.S.A. 9:2-4;
 - (1) The place of residence shall not be disclosed; and
 - (2) Access shall not be provided if denied by a court;



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- b. Students at least sixteen years of age who are terminating their education in the district because they will graduate secondary school at the end of the term or no longer plan to continue their education;
- c. An adult student and/or a parent who has the written permission of an adult student, except that the parent shall have access without the adult student's consent, as long as the adult student is financially dependent on the parent and enrolled in the public-school system, or if the adult student has been declared legally incompetent by a court of appropriate jurisdiction. The parent of a financially dependent adult student may not disclose information contained in the adult student's record to a second or third party without the adult student's consent;
- d. Certified school district personnel who are assigned educational responsibility for the student shall have access to the general student record but not to the student health record except under conditions permitted in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.4;
- d. Certified educational personnel who have assigned educational responsibility for the student and who are employed by agencies listed below shall have access to the general student record, but not to the student health record, except under conditions permitted at N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.4:
 - (1) An approved private school for students with disabilities;
 - (2) A State facility;
 - (3) Accredited nonpublic schools in which students with disabilities have been placed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:46-14; or
 - (4) Clinics and agencies approved by the New Jersey Department of Education;



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- f. To fulfill its legal responsibility, the Board shall have access through the Superintendent or designee to information contained in the student's record. Information shall be discussed in executive session, unless otherwise requested by the parent or adult student;
- g. Secretarial and clerical personnel under the direct supervision of certified school personnel shall be permitted access to portions of the record to the extent necessary for the entry and recording of data and the conducting of routine clerical tasks. Access shall be limited only to student files in which such staff are directed to enter or record information, and shall cease when the specific assigned task is completed;
- h. Accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions;
- i. The Commissioner of Education and New Jersey Department of Education staff members who are assigned responsibility that necessitates the review of such records;
- j. Officials of other Boards of Education within the State or other educational agencies or institutions where the student is placed, registered, or seeks to enroll, subject to the following conditions:
 - (1) Original mandated student records that schools have been directed to compile by New Jersey statute, regulation, or authorized administrative directive shall be forwarded to the receiving district, agency, or institution with written notification to the parent or adult student;
 - (2) Original mandated student records that the Board has required shall be forwarded to the receiving district, agency, or institution only with the written consent of the parent or adult student, except where a formal sending-receiving relationship exists between the districts;



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- (3) All records to be forwarded, including disciplinary records as specified at N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19a., shall be sent to the Superintendent of the school district to which the student has transferred, or the Superintendent's designee, within ten school days after the transfer has been verified by the requesting district;
 - (4) The Superintendent or designee shall request, in writing, all student records from the school district of last attendance within two weeks from the date that the student enrolls in the new school district;
 - (5) Upon request, the Superintendent or designee of the school district of last attendance shall provide a parent(s) or an adult student with a copy of the records disclosed to other educational agencies or institutions; and
 - (6) Proper identification, such as a certified copy of the student's birth certificate or other proof of the student's identity pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-25.1, shall be requested at the time of enrollment in a new school district;
- k. Officials of the United States Department of Education assigned responsibilities that necessitate review of such records;
 - l. Officers and employees of a State agency responsible for protective and investigative services for students pursuant to N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.40. Whenever appropriate, the Board shall ask the State agency for its cooperation in sharing the findings of an investigation;
 - m. Agency caseworkers or other representatives of a State or local child welfare agency who have the right to access a student's case plan when the agency or organization is legally responsible, in accordance with State law, for the care and protection of the student, consistent with 20 U.S.C. §1232g(b)(1)(L);



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- n. Organizations, agencies, and persons from outside the school if they have the written consent of the parent or adult student. Organizations, agencies, and persons shall not transfer student record information to a third party without the written consent of the parent or adult student;
 - o. Organizations, agencies, and individuals outside the school, other than those specified in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5, upon the presentation of a court order; and
 - p. Bona fide researchers who explain to the Superintendent the nature of the research project and the relevance of the records sought. Prior to the release of records to a researcher, the Superintendent or designee, shall receive from the researcher written assurance that the records will be used under strict conditions of anonymity and confidentiality.
6. Nothing in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7, Policy 8330, and this Regulation shall be construed to prohibit school personnel from disclosing information contained in the student health record to students or adults in connection with an emergency, if such knowledge is necessary to protect the immediate health or safety of the student or other persons.
7. In complying with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7, Policy 8330, and this Regulation, the Board shall adhere to the requirements pursuant to the Open Public Records Act (OPRA), N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., and FERPA, 20 U.S.C. §1232g; 34 CFR Part 99.
- a. When responding to OPRA requests from any party, including parties other than those listed in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5(e) and F.5. above, the Board may release, without consent, records removed of all personally identifiable information, as such documents do not meet the definition of a student record. Before making any release, the Board shall have made a reasonable decision that a student's identity cannot be determined whether through single or multiple releases, or when added to other reasonably available information.



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G. Conditions for Access to Student Records (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.6)

1. All authorized organizations, agencies, and persons defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7 as listed below shall have access to a student record, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. No student record shall be altered or disposed of during the time period between a request to review the record and the actual review of the record.
 - b. Authorized organizations, agencies, and persons from outside the school whose access requires the consent of parents or adult students shall submit to the Superintendent or designee, the request in writing, together with any required authorization.
 - c. The Superintendent or designee shall be present during the period of inspection to provide interpretation of the records, where necessary, and to prevent their alteration, damage, or loss. In every instance of inspection of student records by persons other than parents, student(s), or individuals who have assigned educational responsibility for the individual student, an entry shall be made in the student record of the name(s) of persons granted access, the reason access was granted, the time and circumstances of inspection, the records inspected, and the purposes for which the data will be used.
 - d. Prior to disclosure of student records to organizations, agencies, or persons outside the district pursuant to a court order, the Superintendent or designee shall give the parent or adult student at least three days' notice of the name of the requesting agency and the specific records requested unless otherwise judicially instructed. The notification shall be provided in writing, if practicable. Only records related to the specific purpose of the court order shall be disclosed.
 - (1) Notice to the parent shall not be required when the parent is party to a court proceeding involving child abuse and neglect or dependency matters, consistent with 20 U.S.C. §1232g(b)(2)(B).



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- e. A record may be withheld from a parent or from an adult student only when the district obtains a court order or is provided with evidence that there is a court order revoking the right to access. Only that portion of the record designated by the court shall be withheld. When the district has or obtains evidence of such court order, the parent or adult student shall be notified in writing within five days of the request that access to the record has been denied and that the person has the right to appeal this decision to the court issuing the order.

H. Rights of Appeal for Parents and Adult Students (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.7)

- 1. Student records are subject to challenge by parents and adult students on grounds of inaccuracy, irrelevancy, impermissible disclosure, inclusion of improper information, or denial of access to organizations, agencies, and persons. The parent or adult student may request:
 - a. Expungement of inaccurate, irrelevant, or otherwise improper information from the student record;
 - b. Insertion of additional data, as well as reasonable comments regarding the meaning and/or accuracy of the student record;
 - c. The immediate stay of disclosure pending final determination of the challenged procedure as described in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7; and/or
 - d. Immediate access to student records for organizations, agencies, and persons denied access, pending final determination of the challenged procedure, as described in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.
- 2. To request a change in the student record or to request a stay of disclosure pending final determination of the challenged procedure, a parent or adult student shall notify, in writing, the Superintendent of the specific issues relating to the student record.



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- a. Within ten school days of notification, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent or adult student of the district's decision. If the district disagrees with the request, the Superintendent or designee shall meet with the parent or adult student to resolve the issues set forth in the request.
 - b. If the matter is not satisfactorily resolved, the parent or adult student has ten school days to appeal the district's decision.
 - c. If an appeal is made to the Board, the Board shall render a decision within twenty school days.
 - d. The decision of the Board may be appealed to the Commissioner pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-9 and N.J.A.C. 6A:3, Controversies and Disputes. At all stages of the appeal process, the parent or adult student shall be afforded a full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issue.
 - e. A record of the appeal proceedings and outcome shall be made a part of the student record with copies made available to the parent or adult student.
3. Appeals relating to student records of students with disabilities shall be processed in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.7(b) and I.2. above.
 4. Regardless of the outcome of an appeal, a parent or adult student shall be permitted to place in the student record a statement commenting upon the information in the student record or setting forth any reasons for contesting a portion of the student record, including the decision made in the appeal. The parent's or adult student's statement shall be maintained as part of the student record, as long as the contested portion of the student record is maintained. If the contested portion of the student record is disclosed to any party, the statement commenting upon the information shall also be disclosed to that party.



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I. Retention and Disposal of Student Records (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.8)

1. A student record is considered to be incomplete and not subject to the provisions of the Destruction of Public Records Law, N.J.S.A. 47:3-15 et seq., while the student is enrolled in the district.
 - a. The Board shall retain the student health record and the health history and immunization record according to the School District Records Retention Schedule, as determined by the New Jersey State Records Committee.
2. Student records of currently enrolled students, other than the records described at N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.8(f) and I.5. below, may be disposed of after the information is no longer necessary to provide educational services to a student. The disposition shall be carried out only after the parent or adult student has been notified in writing and written permission has been granted, or after reasonable attempts to notify the parent or adult student and to secure permission have been unsuccessful.
3. Upon graduation or permanent departure of a student from the district:
 - a. The parent or adult student shall be notified in writing that a copy of the entire student record will be provided to them upon request.
 - b. Information in student records, other than that described at N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.8(f) and I.5. below, may be disposed of, but only in accordance with the Destruction of Public Records Law, N.J.S.A. 47:3-15 et seq. The disposition shall be carried out only after the parent or adult student has been notified in writing and written permission has been granted, or after reasonable attempts to notify the parent or adult student and to secure permission have been unsuccessful and prior written authorization has been obtained from the New Jersey State Records Committee in the New Jersey Department of the Treasury.
4. No additions shall be made to the record after graduation or permanent departure without the prior written consent of the parent or adult student.



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5. The district of last enrollment, graduation, or permanent departure of the student from the district shall keep, for one hundred years, a mandated record of a student's name, date of birth, name of parents, gender, health history and immunization, standardized assessment results, grades, attendance, classes attended, grade level completed, year completed, and years of attendance.

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