

LIABILITY FOR STUDENT WELFARE

Teaching staff members, because of their proximity to children, are frequently confronted with situations which, if handled incorrectly, could result in liability to the district and personal liability to the staff member.

- A. Must maintain a standard of care for supervision, control, and protection of students commensurate with assigned duties and responsibilities;
- B. Must provide instruction in the safety matters presented in assigned curriculum guides;
- C. Must immediately report to the principal an accident or a safety hazard he/she detects;
- D. Must not send students on any personal errands;
- E. A teaching staff member must never transport pupils in a personal vehicle without the approval of the building principal and full knowledge of the Superintendent. An appropriate insurance certificate must also be requested through the Business Office at least seven days before the trip.
- F. Shall not require a student to perform work or services that may be detrimental to his/her health;
- G. Must report to the principal immediately any instance of substance abuse, violence, vandalism, accidents, harassment, intimidation and bullying or suspected child abuse in accordance with board policy and pursuant to the laws of the state.

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Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15 General rule-making power
N.J.S.A. 18A:25-2 Authority over students
N.J.S.A. 18A:25-4 School register; keeping

Possible

Cross References: *4112.6 Personnel Records
*4131/4131.1 Staff Development

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.