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8601 PUPIL SUPERVISION AFTER SCHOOL DISMISSAL

The Board of Education adopts this Pupil Supervision After School Dismissal Policy as a result of the New Jersey Supreme Court's decision in *Joseph Jerkins, an infant by his Guardian Ad Litem, Charles Jerkins; Charles Jerkins and Toni Jerkins, individually, v. Soweto Anderson; Kemba N. Anderson; John Does 1-10 (fictitious individuals) and ABC Corporations 1-10 (fictitious entities), and Board of Education of Pleasantville Public Schools and Rosemay Clarke*.

A. General Dismissal Procedures

The District maintains dismissal procedures which the District revises and updates annually. These procedures outline the general procedures and supervision for regular dismissal, planned early dismissals and unplanned emergency dismissals. These procedures apply to all students, regardless of their transportation status. In addition, each school has dismissal times and protocols/practices, which are based on the age of the students, the school's or program's ability to provide supervision, the accessibility for the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated escort to pick-up the child without disrupting dismissal of the remaining school population, and other considerations unique to the school building or program location. This includes but is not limited to setting appropriate times and locations for parent/guardian designee pick-up.

B. Dismissal Procedures for Students who do not Receive District Transportation

The New Jersey Supreme Court, in *Jerkins*, indicated dangers exist for younger pupils at dismissal as children are susceptible to numerous risks, including negligent conduct, when leaving school property. Because of these risks, the Board of Education adopts and requires the implementation of Policy 8601 for the supervision of younger pupils after dismissal. The supervision provisions of this section are applicable to parents or legal guardians of pupils attending district-operated schools and elect not to use district-provided transportation after dismissal (whether regularly or on an occasional basis). Please note that this policy does not apply to situations where the District is providing transportation. Those drop-off procedures are governed by Policy and Regulation 8600.

Any parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a pupil attending a district-operated school or program, who elects not to use district-provided transportation will not be released except to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or escort(s) designated by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or in accordance with the district's permission to walk/ride bike procedures. The



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parent(s) or legal guardian(s) designated escort(s) must be at least 18 years old. The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) wishing to designate an escort for dismissal must submit a completed set of all appropriate forms required by the Principal or designee, or program administrator (i.e., contact information/emergency contact forms).

In order for the school administration to effectively implement the requirements of this Policy and to ensure the safety and security of pupils that will be released to a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated escort, the parental request shall be applicable for every school day and shall apply until modified by the parent/guardian and new forms are completed.

The Principal or designee, or program administrator upon receiving the completed forms, shall notify the appropriate school staff member(s) who has supervision of the pupil at dismissal time at the end of the school day of the parent's or legal guardian's request. The supervising staff member that receives such notice shall retain supervision of the pupil when other pupils are dismissed from school at the end of the school day. Please note that there will be set times and locations for parent/guardian/designee pick-up. In the event the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated escort does not arrive to pick up their child(ren) after the dismissal time of school, the Principal or designee will attempt to contact the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) using the district's emergency call procedures. In the event of an emergency such that, when an unforeseen event prevents a parent or legal guardian or designated escort from arriving for the child(ren) at dismissal within the time period designated by the Principal or program administrator, the pupil may be relocated to the Extended Day Program where the pupil will be supervised by after-school program staff until the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated escort arrives.

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