

PUPIL SUPERVISION AFTER SCHOOL DISMISSAL (M)

8601 PUPIL SUPERVISION AFTER SCHOOL DISMISSAL (M)

M

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*.

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 Policy Guide 8601 are applicable to parents or legal guardians of pupils attending district-operated programs in grades Pre-Kindergarten to six who are not eligible for district-provided transportation after dismissal or are eligible and elect not to use district-provided transportation after dismissal.

Supervision of Pupils During Dismissal

Dismissal will be supervised. District staff will be assigned to specific locations and given defined responsibilities to supervise pupil dismissal in each district school facility. Regular and early dismissal will be supervised according to the same protocol unless otherwise specified. The Superintendent is responsible for overseeing the development of protocols that are tailored to the age and needs of the pupils at the school facility. At a minimum these protocols shall include:

1. Staff assigned to supervise dismissal, and their locations and responsibilities;
2. Where children will be retained awaiting appropriate escort and/or designated transportation; and
3. Provisions for supervision when a parent/escort is unable to pick up their child at the appropriate dismissal time.

The Board of Education will review the dismissal procedures annually.

Supervision of Non-based Pupils at Dismissal



PUPIL SUPERVISION AFTER SCHOOL DISMISSAL (M)

The Board of Education shall require that the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) notify the school in advance of any arrangements for pupils requiring appropriate escort or designated transportation.

All documented arrangements will be considered permanent for the entire year. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may alter arrangements upon prior written notification (may insert a time frame) to the Superintendent or designee.

Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) leaving pupils at school that are to be escorted home will be reported to the proper authorities.

The Superintendent or designee is responsible for the collection of all dismissal arrangements requested by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s). The Superintendent or designee is responsible for keeping a record of the dismissal arrangements and implementing the appropriate dismissal supervision in accommodation of these arrangements.

Notification of Dismissal Protocols

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall ensure that parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are notified of the following:

1. School calendar including school closure and early dismissal dates and times, and any adjustments to the calendar;
2. The school dismissal policy;
3. Dismissal protocol for all bused pupils, non-bused pupils and pupils in after-school programs or activities;
4. Supervision arrangements for pupils at dismissal;
5. Emergency plan for supervision of pupils left at school;
6. After-school program opportunities; and
7. Procedures for enrolling pupils in after-school programs.

The Superintendent will develop procedures:



PUPIL SUPERVISION AFTER SCHOOL DISMISSAL (M)

1. For parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to provide signed acknowledgement of receipt of the school calendar, including all school closure and early dismissal dates, and the school dismissal policy and procedures;
2. For parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to indicate and define the circumstances that the pupil is to be released from the school's care at dismissal; and
3. For the collection and retention of all documents pertaining to receipt of calendar and escort/transportation arrangements.

Adopted: 15 February 2011

