

Regulation

EYE PROTECTION DEVICES

The following types of eye protection devices must be worn by all students, staff members, and visitors (including persons attending any after school programs) participating in the activity or process designated wherever it may occur on school premises:

Potential Eye Hazard	Protective Devices
Caustic or explosive	Flexible fitting goggles, hooded ventilation; add plastic face shields for severe exposure
Dust producing operations	Flexible fitting goggles, hooded ventilation
Electric arc welding	Welding helmet in combination with spectacles with eye cup or semi- or flat-fold side shields
Oxy-acetylene welding	Welding goggles, eye cup type with tinted lenses; welding goggle, cover spec type with tinted lenses or tinted place lens
Hot liquids and gases	Flexible fitting goggles, hood ventilation; add plastic window face shield for severe exposure
Hot solids	Clear or tinted goggles or spectacles with side shield
Molten materials	Clear or tinted goggles and plastic or mesh window face shield
Heat treatment or tempering	Clear or tinted goggles or spectacles with side shields
Glare operations	Tinted goggles; tinted spectacles with side shields or welding goggles, eye cup or coverage with tinted lenses or plate lenses
Shaping solid materials	Clear goggles with flexible or rigid body; clear spectacles with side shields; add plastic window face shield for severe exposure
Laser device operation	Appropriate for specific hazard
Repair or service of vehicles	Clear goggles with flexible or rigid body; clear spectacles with side shields
Other potential hazards	Appropriate for specific hazard

The supplier of any eye protective device to this district shall certify in writing that the device meets or exceeds ANSI standards. All spectacle type eye protective devices shall have side shields of the eye cup, semi- or flat-fold type.

Staff members shall regularly and frequently inspect the eye protective devices used in their classes and shall report to the principal devices that are defective or poorly fitting. All eye protective devices shall be identified with the name(s) of the user(s) and shall be properly stored when not in use.

Any eye protective device that is shared shall be disinfected between uses by a method prescribed by the school medical inspector.

EYE PROTECTION (regulation continued)

The use of contact lenses shall be restricted in environments, which entail exposure to chemical fumes, vapors or splashes, intense heat, molten metals, or highly particulate atmospheres. For students, staff members in these learning environments shall identify the students in their classes who wear contact lenses. The teacher shall keep a list of such students in order that appropriate emergency eye care may be given: the list shall be destroyed at the end of the course of study.

A student or staff member who wears prescription glasses shall be provided with an appropriate protective device that fits over glasses. A student or staff member may wear his or her personal corrective eye wear in the course of an activity hazardous to the eyes provided that the eye wear has been certified in writing by a licensed optician to meet or exceed ANSI standards as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.5 for the appropriate eye protective device.

The responsible staff member will provide each visitor to an area in which an activity hazardous to eyes is conducted with an appropriate eye protective device.

Eye Wash Stations

Eye wash stations or similar devices, capable of a minimum of 15 minutes of continuous flow of eye wash solution shall be provided in accordance the standards of the State Department of Education and N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.5(b).

The responsible staff member shall routinely check eye wash stations and any station that does not operate properly shall be promptly reported to the principal.

Enforcement

Staff members shall not permit students to engage in an activity potentially hazardous to the eyes without appropriate eye protection and shall dismiss from the class any student who refuses or persistently neglects to wear eye protection or to observe established eye protection practices. Any such dismissed students shall be considered absent from the class for purposes of attendance.

Staff members shall report a visitor who refuses or persistently neglects to wear eye protection or observe established eye protection practices to the principal.

Staff members who refuse or persistently neglect to wear eye protection or observe established eye protection shall be considered to be insubordinate and dealt with accordingly.

The principal shall inspect the school premises annually for the existence of conditions potentially hazardous to the eyes, for the placement of signs requiring appropriate eye protective devices, and for an adequate supply of appropriate eye protective devices in satisfactory condition. Potentially hazardous conditions include, in addition to the activities listed previously, the likelihood of flying objects, spilled liquids, and the presence of protruding or sharp objectives.

Training and Supplies

The district shall provide annual training and appropriate supplies and equipment to all school personnel for implementing the eye safety policies and program. The training shall include all aspects of eye protection as defined in this regulation.

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