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1511 BOARD OF EDUCATION WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY

It is the goal of the Board of Education that the information on the school district's **internet websites are** accessible to individuals with disabilities in compliance with the requirements of **Federal law** (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and that statute's implementing regulations at 34 C.F.R. Part 104, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and that statute's implementing regulations at 28 C.F.R. Part 35) **and New Jersey law** (N.J.S.A. 18A:36-35.1).

A. Federal Law – American with Disabilities Act (ADA)

1. For the purposes of ~~this Policy~~ the **Federal law - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and that statute's implementing regulations at 34 C.F.R. Part 104, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and that statute's implementing regulations at 28 C.F.R. Part 35 and this Policy**, "school district website" includes, but is not limited to, the internet home page, all subordinate pages, school or school district department pages, intranet pages and sites, and includes online content and functionality, developed by, maintained by, or offered through a third-party vendor or by using open sources.
2. The accessibility of online content and functionality will be measured according to the **most up-to-date version of the** World Wide Web Consortium's (W3C) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) ~~2.0 Level AA~~ and the Web Accessibility Initiative Accessible Rich Internet Application Suite (WAI-ARIA) 1.0 for web content (benchmarks for measuring accessibility).
3. By conforming to the benchmarks for measuring accessibility set forth above, the Board of Education will ensure that people with disabilities have an opportunity equal to that of their nondisabled peers to access the information on the district's website, ~~except~~



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~~where doing so would impose an undue burden or create a fundamental alteration of the district's website. When~~

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~~fundamental alteration or undue burden defenses apply, the district will make reasonable modifications/accommodations for individuals with disabilities in order to provide equally effective alternate access. In providing such access, the district will ensure that to the maximum extent possible individuals with disabilities receive the same benefits or services as their nondisabled peers. To provide equally effective alternate access, alternates are not required to produce the identical result or level of achievement for persons with and without disabilities, but must afford persons with disabilities equal opportunity to obtain the same result, to gain the same benefit, or to reach the same level of achievement.~~

4. To ensure ~~that~~ the district's website conforms with the above benchmarks for measuring accessibility, ~~except where doing so would impose an undue burden or create a fundamental alteration of the district's website,~~ the Superintendent of Schools will designate a school staff member to act as the Website Accessibility Coordinator. The Coordinator will:
 - a1. Ensure that in-house staff and contractors responsible for webpages and webpage content development are properly trained on the Board of Education's website accessibility policy and procedures;
 - b2. Ensure that all new, newly added, and modified online content and functionality is accessible to people with disabilities as measured by conformance to the above benchmarks by, among other things:
 - (1)a. Checking the hypertext markup language (HTML) of all new webpages on the website to make sure that accessible elements are used, including "alt" tags, long descriptions, and captions, as needed;



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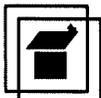
- (2)~~b~~. Ensuring that webpages are designed in a manner that allows them to be displayed using a visitor's own settings for color and fonts, and can be navigated with a keyboard;

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- (3)~~e~~. If images are used, including photos, graphics, scanned images, or image maps, making sure to include text equivalents for them, using "alt" tags and/or long descriptions for each and ensuring the text equivalents convey the meaningful information presented visually by the image;
- (4)~~d~~. If online forms and tables are used, making those elements accessible;
- (5)~~e~~. Ensuring that videos appearing on the website include appropriately synchronized audio description and captions;
- (6)~~f~~. Ensuring when posting new documents on the website, the documents shall be provided in HTML or another text-based format (even if they are provided in another format, such as portable document format (PDF)). If documents are provided in both formats, provide both formats at the same time so people with disabilities have the same degree of access as others;
- (7)~~g~~. Periodically enlisting people with a variety of disabilities to test the Board of Education's webpages for accessibility and ease of use and use this information to increase the Board's website accessibility;
- (8)~~h~~. Periodically coordinating the audit of existing content and functionality of the website to identify



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online content or functionality that is inaccessible to persons with disabilities; and

- (9)i: Developing and carrying out a corrective action plan, when necessary, for making the district's existing web content accessible.

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- c3. Ensure that alternative means are available for people with disabilities to access information, programs, and services that are normally provided on the Board's website.

B. New Jersey Law – N.J.S.A. 18A:36-35.1

1. For the purpose of New Jersey law – N.J.S.A. 18A:36-35.1 and this Policy, “internet website or web service” includes any webpage, website, web service, online curriculum, or online third party or open educational resource product that is made available to enrolled students or the public by the school district.
2. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-35.1, no school district shall make available to the enrolled students of the district or school or to the public an Internet website or web service unless the Internet website or web service complies with the most up-to-date version of the World Wide Web Consortium's (W3C) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) if the Guidelines are approved by the Commissioner of Education, or any other applicable guidelines or requirements as may be designed or approved by the Commissioner of Education.
3. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36-35.1.a. and b., the school district is required to submit a statement of assurance attesting to compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36-35.1 as required by the Commissioner of Education.

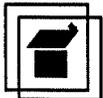


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This Policy establishes minimum standards for the accessibility of web-based information and services considered necessary to meet the district's goals and ensure compliance with applicable **Federal and State** laws.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
34 C.F.R. Part 104; 28 C.F.R. Part 35
N.J.S.A. 18A:36-35.1

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3270 PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Education will establish and enforce rules for the assignment of specific duties to teaching staff members and for the conduct of teaching staff members during the work day.

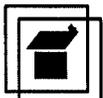
Teaching staff members assigned specific instructional responsibilities and as designated by the Superintendent shall prepare regular lesson plans ~~The Board directs the Superintendent to requires the preparation of lesson plans each teacher that implement the goals and objectives of the educational program. Teachers shall also be responsible for providing adequate direction and guidance to substitutes. Lesson plans will~~ **shall** be subject to ~~periodic~~ review by _____ **the teaching staff member's Principal or designee and/or immediate supervisor as assigned by the Superintendent.**

~~The Superintendent shall apply uniformly throughout the district, except as may otherwise be provided in this policy, the following additional rules for teaching staff member conduct:~~

- ~~1. During the work day, teaching staff members may be assigned extra or alternative duties by the _____ in accordance with Board Policy No. 3134;~~
- ~~2. Teaching staff members are expected to attend every faculty meeting unless expressly excused by the _____;~~

During the work day, teaching staff members may be assigned extra or alternative duties by the Principal or designee in accordance with Policy 3134. Teaching staff members are to attend every faculty meeting unless expressly excused by the Principal or designee.

Optional



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~~{A teaching staff member who is excused from attending a faculty meeting must meet with the _____ the following day to review the topics covered at the meeting;}~~

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~~3. Teaching staff members may not leave the school grounds during mealtime without the express permission of the _____.~~

~~Teaching staff members who are assigned as department heads or who are assigned to work on curriculum revision during the regular school day will be given an appropriate reduction in teaching assignments.~~

N.J.S.A. 18A:27-4
N.J.A.C. 6A:9-3.3



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5513 CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Board of Education believes ~~that~~ the schools **district** should help students learn to respect property and ~~instill to develop~~ feelings of pride in **their school community institutions**. The Board **requires** ~~charges~~ each student ~~enrolled in the this district~~ **to responsibly** ~~with responsibility for the proper care for of~~ school property and the school supplies and equipment entrusted to **the student** ~~his/her use by the school district~~.

Students who cause damage to **or lose** school property ~~may will~~ be subject to disciplinary measures. The Board authorizes the imposition of a fine for the loss, damage, or **destruction** ~~defacement~~ of a textbook or any school property and reserves the right to withhold a report card or diploma from any student whose payment of a fine is in arrears.

A student who demonstrates chronic and/or serious disregard for property may be referred to the Child Study Team.

The Superintendent shall develop rules for the safekeeping and accounting of textbooks and prepare a schedule of fines for lost, ~~and~~ damaged, **and destroyed** textbooks.

N.J.S.A. 18A:34-2; 18A:37-3
N.J.A.C. 6A:~~23A-20.623-6.6~~

~~Cross-reference: Policy Guide Nos. 2520, 7610, 8461, 9260~~



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5517 SCHOOL DISTRICT ISSUED STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS

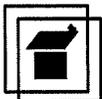
The Board of Education recognizes school building security measures are important for the safety and welfare of all students, staff, parents, and community members in school buildings. In recognizing this important responsibility, the Principal or designee may require students to carry a school district issued Identification Card.

An Identification Card will be issued to all students in middle school.

The Identification Card shall have printed on the back the telephone number for the New Jersey Suicide Prevention Hopeline (NJ Hopeline) and contact information for a crisis text line pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-113.1. The district may, in addition to the telephone number for the NJ Hopeline and contact information for a crisis text line, provide the contact information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, a school district crisis center, or any other mental health support services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:3B-73.2.

The Principal or designee may require a student to present their Identification Card at any time during the school day or at any time during a school-sponsored activity on school grounds.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Policy, the Principal or designee may also require students carry their Identification Card at any school-sponsored, off-campus activity, including but not limited to, field trips or interscholastic sports programs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-43a. The provisions of this Policy shall not be construed to require a student to carry the Identification Card while participating in an athletic contest or competition, an activity involving fine arts or performing arts, or any other activity that the Commissioner of Education determines does not require the physical possession of an Identification Card. An Identification Card used in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36-43a shall include,



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but need not be limited to, the following information: the student's name; an up-to-date photograph; and the current school year.

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Any student who fails to have the Identification Card in their possession or fails to present it when required may be denied access to an event or activity and may be subject to appropriate discipline.

An Identification Card issued in accordance with this Policy shall not be considered a government record pursuant to P.L. 1963, c.73 (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.), P.L. 2001, c.404 (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5), or the common law concerning access to government records.

N.J.S.A. 18A:3B-73.2; 18A:6-113.1; 18A:36-43

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