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0144 BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION AND TRAINING

The preparation of each Board member for the performance of Board of Education duties is essential to the proper functioning of the Board. The Board encourages each new Board member to acquire information about school district governance, the separate functions of the Board and the Superintendent, the operations of the district, and Board procedures.

The Board directs that each new member receive access to and/or a copy of the following:

- the Board of Education Bylaw and Policy Manual,
- the manual of administrative regulations,
- other materials as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent.

Each new Board member will be invited and is encouraged to meet and discuss the responsibilities and authority of a Board member, Board functions, and Board policies and procedures with the Board President (if available), the Superintendent, and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Within the first ninety days of a new Board member's first term, the Board member shall complete a training program to be prepared and offered by the New Jersey School Boards Association. The training shall include instruction relative to the Board member's responsibilities pursuant to the School Ethics Act and N.J.S.A.18A:12-33

The training program shall include information regarding the school district monitoring system established pursuant to P.L. 2005, c. 235, the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum, and the five key components of school district effectiveness on which school districts are evaluated under the monitoring system: instruction and program; personnel; fiscal management; operations; and governance.



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The Board member shall complete a training program on school district governance in each of the subsequent two years of the Board member's first term.

Within one year after each re-election or re-appointment to the Board of Education, the Board member shall complete an advanced training program to be prepared and offered by the New Jersey School Boards Association. This advanced training program shall include information on relevant changes to New Jersey school law and other information deemed appropriate to enable the Board member to serve more effectively.

The New Jersey School Boards Association shall examine options for providing training programs to Board members through alternative methods such as on-line or other distance learning media or through regional-based training.

Within one year after being newly elected or appointed or being re-elected or re-appointed to the Board of Education, a Board member shall complete a training program on harassment, intimidation, and bullying in schools, including a school district's responsibilities under N.J.S.A. 18A:37-13 et seq. A Board member shall be required to complete the program only once. Training on harassment, intimidation, and bullying in schools shall be provided by the New Jersey School Boards Association, in consultation with recognized experts in school bullying from a cross section of academia, child advocacy organizations, nonprofit organizations, professional associations, and government agencies.

N.J.S.A. 18A:12-33; 18A:37-13 et seq.
N.J.A.C. 6A:28-4.1

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2520 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES

The Board of Education shall provide staff members with the supplies and materials necessary for the successful implementation of the instructional program and provide students with the supplies and materials required for the successful completion of courses of study.

The Board expressly exempts from this Policy such clothing or personal equipment as may be required for reasons related to the safety and health of students or the protection of school property and are individualized or non-reusable, and any materials used in the manufacture or preparation of useful or decorative items that students are permitted to retain, except that no student will be denied participation in any course of study or school sponsored activity because of their financial inability to bear the cost of such clothing, equipment, or materials.

Supplies and materials will be distributed throughout the school district in a manner that ensures equal distribution to students; school facilities; courses; programs; and activities and services, regardless of the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.7(a).

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for the selection and utilization of instructional supplies that include effective consultation with teaching staff members at all appropriate levels.

N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.7

N.J.S.A. 18A:34-1

N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 [vocational districts]

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3217 USE OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

No teaching staff member employed by the Board or a person engaged in any school in the school district shall inflict or cause to be inflicted corporal punishment upon a student attending any school in the school district; but any such teaching staff member may, within the scope of their employment, use and apply such amounts of force as is reasonable and necessary:

1. To quell a disturbance, threatening physical injury to others;
2. To obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects upon the person or within the control of a student;
3. For the purpose of self-defense; and
4. For the protection of persons or property;

and such acts, or any of them, shall not be construed to constitute corporal punishment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-1. Every resolution, bylaw, rule, ordinance, or other act or authority permitting or authorizing corporal punishment to be inflicted upon a student attending any school in the district shall be void.

Any teaching staff member employed by the Board found to have violated this Policy may be subject to discipline by the Board.

N.J.S.A. 18A:6-1; 18A:37-1

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4217 USE OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

No support staff member employed by the Board or a person engaged in any school in the school district shall inflict or cause to be inflicted corporal punishment upon a student attending any school in the school district; but any such support staff member may, within the scope of their employment, use and apply such amounts of force as is reasonable and necessary:

1. To quell a disturbance, threatening physical injury to others;
2. To obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects upon the person or within the control of a student;
3. For the purpose of self-defense; and
4. For the protection of persons or property;

and such acts, or any of them, shall not be construed to constitute corporal punishment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-1. Every resolution, bylaw, rule, ordinance, or other act or authority permitting or authorizing corporal punishment to be inflicted upon a student attending any school in the district shall be void.

Any support staff member employed by the Board found to have violated this Policy may be subject to discipline by the Board.

N.J.S.A. 18A:6-1; 18A:37-1

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