

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.

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 5142.2 for the supervision of younger pupils after dismissal. The supervision provisions of Policy 5142.2 are applicable to parents or legal guardians of pupils attending district-operated schools or programs in grades Pre-K to 8 who are not eligible for district-provided transportation after dismissal or are eligible and elect not to use district-provided transportation after dismissal.

Grades Pre-K through 2

No pupils attending a district-operated school or program in grades Pre-K through 2 will be released to walk home after dismissal unless the pupil is released to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or escort(s) designated by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s). The parent/guardian designated escort(s) must be 18 years of age or older.

Grades 3-5

No pupils attending a district-operated school or program in grades 3-5 will be released to walk home after dismissal unless the pupil meets the following criteria:

1. Resides within the boundaries of the Board of Education Designated area, which is Route 206, Main Street, Route 24, and Colby Farm Rd. If a student resides in an area that requires them to cross over Route 206, Main Street, Route 24, or Colby Farm Rd, they will not be allowed to be dismissed to walk home unescorted.
2. The signed permission (see Regulation 5142.2r) is received from the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) for the pupil to be dismissed to walk home unescorted.

Pupils in Grades 3-5 not meeting the above criteria will only be released to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

No pupils in Grades 3-5 will be released unescorted at a time other than the determined dismissal time set by the school.

Pupils will be escorted off the property and expected to safely walk home immediately upon dismissal. Pupils in Grades 3-5 who exercise the option for dismissal pursuant to this policy are not permitted to stay on school grounds after school for any reason.

Pupils in Grades 3-5 attending a school-operated after-school club or activity will not be released to walk home unescorted, regardless of meeting the above criteria.

Grades 6-8

No pupils attending a district-operated school or program in grades 6 to 8 will be released to walk home after dismissal unless the pupil is released to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or escort(s) designated by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or a signed permission (see Regulation 5142.2r) is received from the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) for the pupil to be dismissed to walk home unescorted.

All parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of pupils from 6 through 8th grade must submit a completed Student Dismissal Authorization Form (see Regulation 5142.2r) to the Principal or designee, or program administrator designating authorized dismissal escorts for the pupil.

Student Dismissal Authorization Form

The Student Dismissal Authorization Form from School Form shall be made available in the Main office of the school building(s) or the location of the program upon request to the Principal, or designee, or the program administrator on the school or school district website to parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in the beginning of the school year.

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 for a duration period of the entire school year. The Student Dismissal Authorization Form (see Regulation 5142.2r) must be resubmitted at the start of each school year. In addition, a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may rescind their Request by submitting a written and signed request to the Principal or program administrator indicating the date in which the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) no longer requests the school provide the supervision of their child(ren) after school dismissal as reflected in the applicable Form. The child(ren) will be dismissed in accordance with typical dismissal protocol effective the date indicated in the rescinding request.

Each Principal or program administrator will develop and implement a written Pupil Supervision After School Dismissal Plan for their school building or program location. This Plan shall include the school building's or program's supervision procedures for pupils at the end of the school day to the designated area in the school building or program and the location of the designated area in the school building or program. The Plan shall be based on 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. The school's or program's Pupil Supervision After School Dismissal Plan shall be provided to all parent(s) or legal guardian(s) that have submitted a Request Form.

In the event of severe, inclement, or otherwise unsafe weather conditions at the time of dismissal, the Principal or building administration reserves the right to suspend unescorted "walk home" privileges for the safety of the students. On such days, students who have prior administrative approval to walk home unescorted will not be permitted to leave campus. Affected students will be held in a designated safe area inside the school building until a parent, legal guardian, or designated adult escort arrives to pick them up. The school administration will attempt to notify parents of a weather-related pickup requirement using the district's emergency communication procedures.

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.

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Key Words

Student Safety, Safety, Student Safety

<u>Legal References:</u>	<u>N.J.S.A. 2C:7-2 et seq.</u>	Registration and Notification of Release of Certain Offenders
<u>N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5</u>		Unlawful possession of weapons
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:6-2</u>		Instruction in accident and fire prevention
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:16-2</u>		Physical examinations; requirement
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:17-42, -43 and -45 through -48</u>		Public School Safety Law
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:20-21</u>		Supervisors and other employees
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:35-5</u>		Maintenance of physical training courses; features
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:35-5.1 through -5.3</u>		Lyme disease prevention; public school health curriculum
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:36-24 through -25</u>		Missing children; legislative findings and declarations...
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:36-29 et seq.</u>		Voluntary fingerprinting ...
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.1, -12.2</u>		Protective eye devices required for teachers, students and visitors in certain cases ...
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:41-1 et seq.</u>		Fire drills and fire protection

N.J.S.A. 30:5B-26
 through -29 Child care before and after school hours ...
N.J.S.A. 34:5A-1 et seq. Worker and Community Right to Know Act
N.J.S.A. 39:4-183.1a Traffic control devices
N.J.S.A. 52:27D-123.9 et seq. Definitions relative to playground safety
N.J.A.C. 5:23-11 to 11.4 Playground Safety Subcode
N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1 Graduation requirements
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.1 et seq. Programs to Support Student Development
See particularly:
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1, -5.1,
 -5.2, -5.5, -5.6, -5.7, -6.1,
 -6.2, -6.3, -6.4, -6.5
N.J.A.C. 6A:19-6.1 et seq. Safety and Health Standards
See particularly:
N.J.A.C. 6A:19-6.5
N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.1 et seq. Operation and Maintenance of Facilities
See particularly:
N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.2, -12.5
N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.1 et seq. Safety

Jenkins v. Anderson, 191 N.J. 285 (June 14, 2007)

Possible**Cross References:**

	*1250	Visitors
	*1410	Local units
	*3000/3010	Concepts and roles in business and noninstructional
operations		
	*3516	Safety
	3530	Insurance management
	*3541.33	Transportation safety
	*4112.4/4212.4	Employee health
	*4131/4131.1	Staff development; inservice
education/visitations/conferences		
	*4231/4231.1	Staff development; inservice
education/visitations/conferences		
	*5020	Role of parents/guardians
	*5113	Absences and excuses
	*5124	Reporting to parents/guardians
	*5125	Student records
	*5131	Conduct/discipline
	*5131.1	Harassment, intimidation and bullying
	*5131.5	Vandalism/violence
	*5131.6	Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)
	*5131.7	Weapons and dangerous instruments
	*5141.1	Accidents
	*5141.2	Illness

*5141.4	Child abuse and neglect
*5141.8	Sports related concussion and head injury
*5141.21	Administering medication
*5145.12	Search and seizure
*6114	Emergencies and disaster preparedness
*6142.12	Career education

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.