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## COOPERATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

The Board of Education wishes to cooperate as fully as possible with other community agencies that serve District pupils. Cooperation will include pooling resources and exchanging information with other community agencies. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall seek to develop positive working relationships with the municipal government and community agencies, including but not limited to, police authorities, fire departments, Division of Youth and Family Services, emergency room and/or squad, other school districts, and all other agencies providing services to district pupils.

In accordance with law, the District may accept or share the use of facilities or equipment with other local organizations. The terms of the acceptance or sharing shall be decided for each instance.

### **Police Authorities**

It is the policy of the Board to cooperate with law enforcement agencies in the interest of the larger welfare of all citizens and to be in compliance with current memorandum of agreement between education and law enforcement officials. The Board recognizes that its interest in helping students understand and respect the law is best served by a close and cooperative relationship with local law enforcement. At the same time, schools have a responsibility to parents/guardians for the welfare of their children while they are in school. To carry out these responsibilities, the administration is directed to follow the procedures developed to implement Board policies, particularly those for policies numbered 5114, 5131, 5131.5, 5131.6, 5131.7, 5145.11 and 5145.12.

### **Fire Department**

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall seek input from local fire officials when course materials in fire safety are being reviewed and revised and when procedures for fire drills are formulated. The fire department should be kept up to date on changes in the school buildings and class arrangements so that, in the event of an emergency, they will be prepared. All fires shall be reported to the local fire department in compliance with law.

### **Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS)**

Procedures for district cooperation with the Division of Youth and Family Services are included with those implementing policy 5141.4 Child abuse and neglect.

### **Emergency Room/Squad**

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall establish procedures whereby the facilities of the local hospital emergency room and local ambulance/rescue squad may be called upon in implementing policies numbered 5131.6, 5134, 5141, 5141.1, 5141.2, 5141.21, 5141.6 and 6145.1/6145.2.

**Cooperative Arrangements with Other School Districts**

The Board desires that strong lines of communication be maintained with other districts and institutions which provide programs, training, or services not available to children residing in this district, and with districts whose resident pupils are enrolled in programs in this district.

The district in which pupils are in attendance has responsibility and authority for those pupils. In order that those pupils receive maximum benefit from their program of studies, articulation between the cooperating institutions is essential.

Further, this school district shall cooperate with other school districts in the solution of common educational concerns. District staff under the direction of the Superintendent or his/her designee shall participate in the coordination of such areas as research, exchange of information and data, coordination of curriculum, coordination of school calendar and activities, and any others where it may be advantageous to serve a broader area than this school district. In carrying out this policy, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall include in his/her reports to the Board an evaluation of the desirability and feasibility of cooperation with other school districts.

This Policy has been developed by the Board to protect the interests of pupils and the legitimate needs of local government agencies, and will be submitted for approval to the County Superintendent of Schools in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.2(a)(2).

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<b><u>Legal References:</u></b>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2A:4A-60	Disclosure of juvenile information; penalties for disclosure
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:18A-11	Joint purchases by districts, municipalities; counties; authority
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-4.2	Acquisition, improvement, lease, etc., of property for school purposes; authority of board of education
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-9	Conveyance of unneeded real estate for nominal consideration; qualified recipients; reversion
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-34	Use of schoolhouse and grounds for various Purposes
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-25	Early detection of missing and abused children; policies of school districts
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-30	Assistance of sheriffs, police officers, etc.
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40A-1	Substance abuse
		See particularly: <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40A-11,12,15,16,17,18

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<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:41-1	Fire drills
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:41-5	Reporting fires
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:65-1	Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act; parties; authorization by resolution
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40:55D-8	Exemptions from payment of local fees
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 24:21-1	New Jersey Controlled Dangerous Substances Act
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-7.1	Receiving Schools
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-6.1	Law Enforcement Operations for Alcohol, Other Drugs, Weapons and Safety
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-8.1	Programs Operated by the Department of Corrections and Human Services, and the Juvenile Justice Commission
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-1.1	Student Development Programs
	See particularly: <u>N.J.C.A.</u> 6A:16-4.1(b)(c)(5.2),(6.1),(6.2),(10.2)
<u>N.J.C.A.</u> 6A:32-9.1(c)	Athletic Procedures
<u>N.J.C.A.</u> 6A:32-12.1	Annual Reporting and Planning Requirements

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts

The New Jersey School Search Policy Manual, New Jersey Attorney General

A Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials (1999 Revisions)

**Possible**

**Cross References:**

5114	Suspension and Expulsion
5131	Conduct/Discipline
5131.5	Vandalism/Violence
5131.6	Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco (Substance Abuse)
5131.7	Weapons and Dangerous Instruments
5134	Married/Pregnant Pupils
5141	Health
5141.1	Accidents
5141.2	Illness
5141.21	Administering medicine
5141.4	Child Abuse and Neglect
5142	Pupil Safety
5142.1	Safety Patrols
5145.11	Question and Apprehension
5145.12	Search and Seizure
6145	Extracurricular Activities

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6145.1/6145.2 Intramural/Interscholastic Competition  
6172 Alternative educational programs  
7110 Long-range facilities planning