

### **PUPIL SAFETY**

The Holmdel Township Board of Education recognizes that the safety of its pupils is of primary consideration. The Superintendent shall ensure that all facilities and equipment are maintained in proper condition to provide a safe learning environment and to ensure compliance with state law and regulation.

The Superintendent shall oversee development of a districtwide safety program with emphasis on accident prevention. All personnel shall be familiar with the provisions of this program that particularly concern them. Regulations concerning use and maintenance of safety devices and equipment shall be adhered to by all staff.

The Superintendent shall inform all staff of school safety rules and regulations at the beginning of the school year and shall post copies of the rules in a prominent location in each building. Special emphasis shall be given to accident prevention and precautionary measures in case of fire and other emergency situations.

The staff must maintain complete classroom and playground supervision during regular school hours and during all school-sponsored events, activities and programs to be held before and after regular hours. The Superintendent shall seek the cooperation of the police and other appropriate agencies in providing for the safety of pupils on or around school property.

No pupil shall leave the school before the end of the school day without permission of the principal/designee. Pupils in kindergarten through eighth grade leaving before regular dismissal must be met in the school office and signed out by a parent/guardian or a person authorized to act in his/her behalf.

A record shall be kept indicating the legal guardian of each pupil. Such guardian shall be responsible for informing the Superintendent of any change in the pupil's custody. If one parent/guardian has been awarded physical custody of the pupil in a divorce, the other parent/guardian shall present to the principal a letter authorizing him/her to accompany the child from school before the child may be released. The principal may take reasonable steps to verify the letter.

The curriculum shall include lessons in safety as required by state law and district policy.

#### **Potentially Missing Children**

Attendance practices, the dismissal precautions addressed in this policy and voluntary fingerprinting are part of the district's effort toward early identification of potentially missing children.

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### Possessions

Parents/guardians are requested not to permit their children to bring valuable or fragile objects to school and to label or otherwise identify clothing, books and personal items. The Board is not responsible for items destroyed or stolen from lockers.

Pupils in applicable grades will be provided with the use of a locker to store school materials, clothing, and other personal property. Lockers are the property of the Board of Education. School administrators are authorized to search a pupil's locker with or without consent of the pupil in order to carry out the responsibilities placed upon them by the law and by Board policies.

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<b>Legal References:</b>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	2C:39-5	Unlawful possession of weapons
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:6-2	Instruction in accident and fire prevention
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:16-2	Physical examinations; requirement
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:17-42 through -45	Public School Safety Law
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:20-21	Supervisors and other employees
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:35-5	Maintenance of physical training courses; features
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:36-24 through -25	Missing children; legislative findings and declarations. . .
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:36-29 <u>et seq.</u>	Voluntary fingerprinting
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:40-12.1, -12.2	Protective eye devices required for teachers, pupils and visitors in certain cases
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:41-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Fire drills and fire protection
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	30-5B-26 through -29	Child care before and after school hours. . .
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	34-5A-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Worker and Community Right to Know Act

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<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	39:4-183.1a	Traffic control devices
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:8-4.5	Curriculum and Instruction
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:8-4.9	School resources; finance and facilities
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:21-11.3	Emergency exit drills from school buses
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:29-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Health, safety and physical education
<u>See particularly:</u>		
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:29-1.3(a)5, -1.3(a)6, -1.7, -3.2(d)	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:53-2.2	Vocational education safety standards

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts (June 1993)

**Possible**

**Cross References:**

*1250	Visitors
*1410	Local units
*3000/3010	Concepts and roles in business and noninstructional operations; goals and objectives
*3516	Safety
*3541.33	Transportation safety
*4112.4	Employee health
*4212.4	Employee health
*5020	Role of parents/guardians
*5113	Absences and excuses
*5125	Pupil records
*5131	Conduct/discipline
*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
*5141.21	Administering medication
*5145.12	Search and seizure
*6114	Emergencies and disaster preparedness
*6142.12	Career Education

