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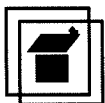
## 5570 SPORTSMANSHIP

The Board of Education requires that all individuals involved in or attending the athletic and intramural programs sponsored by the Board exhibit sportsmanship when representing the school at any athletic event. Sportsmanship is defined as abiding by the rules of the contest as defined or accepted by the participating teams ~~and the gracious acceptance of victory or defeat~~. In exhibiting sportsmanship all participants shall:

1. **Respect** ~~Understand~~ and follow the rules of the contest;
2. Recognize skilled performance of others regardless of affiliation;
3. Display respect for all individuals participating in the athletic event;
4. Treat opponents in an empathetic manner; and
5. Congratulate opponents in victory or defeat.

**Unsportsmanlike conduct** ~~Failure to exhibit good sportsmanship~~ shall include, but not be limited to, the following ~~conduct~~:

1. Any person (**athletic department, staff member, student athlete, or a fan or spectator associated with the school district**) who strikes or physically abuses an official, coach, player, or spectator;
2. Any person (**athletic department, staff member, student athlete, or a fan or spectator associated with the school district**) who intentionally incites participants or spectators to **violent or** abusive action;
3. Any person (**athletic department, staff member, student athlete, or a fan or spectator associated with the school district**) who



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uses obscene gestures or **profane or** unduly provocative language or action towards officials, coaches, opponents, or spectators;

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- ~~4. Any school or athletic staff member who is publicly critical of a game official or opposing coaches and/or players;~~
45. Any person (athletic department, staff member, student athlete, or a fan or spectator associated with the school district) who engages in **harassing verbal or physical** conduct which exhibits bias based on **any of the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1(a)** ~~race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectational or sexual orientation or sex, social or economic status, or disability;~~ and
5. Any school or athletic staff member who is publicly critical of a game official, opponents, and/or opposing coaches/players;
- ~~6. Schools or school organizations engaging in pre-event activities of an intimidating nature, e.g. use of fog machines, blaring sirens, unusual sound effects or lighting, or similar activities.~~

## Optional

- ~~6}7. Other conduct judged by the Principal or designee \_\_\_\_\_ to be unsportsmanlike in character; and }~~

## Optional

- ~~7}8. Any violation of the rules of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association. }~~

Schools are not permitted to conduct pre-meet/game activities of an intimidating nature, e.g., the use of fog machines, the blaring of sirens or loud music/unusual sound effects, strobe/unusual lighting effects, or similar type activities.

Failure to exhibit good sportsmanship may **subject the individual to disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Board** ~~result in the Board denying the opportunity for any individual to participate in the athletic program or attend athletic events.~~



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**NJSIAA General Information Constitution By-laws Rules and Regulations**  
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## 5841 SECRET SOCIETIES

The Board of Education **prohibits certain** ~~affirms the legislative prohibition of~~ student organizations **declared harmful as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:42-5 and 18A:42-6** ~~with closed membership practices as hostile to the democratic ideals of~~ public education.

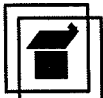
No **student social** organization ~~of students~~ will be granted the use of school facilities or permitted the use of the name of the school or this school district unless that organization has first been approved by the **Principal or designee** \_\_\_\_\_. The application for such approval will set forth the purposes, constitution, and bylaws of the organization; its membership qualifications; and the process by which a person becomes a member.

No **student** organization will be approved if its purposes conflict with the authority and goals of this Board or the best interests of the students of this district; if membership is drawn from outside the currently enrolled student body; if membership qualifications are based on considerations of **any of the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1(a)** ~~race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectational or sexual orientation or sex, social or economic status, disability or political beliefs,~~ or any other consideration not appropriate to the purpose of the organization; or if any qualifying student who applies may be denied membership.

Nothing in this **Ppolicy** shall prevent or otherwise deny participation in constitutionally protected prayer consistent with protections of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

A student who seeks to form or is a member of a fraternity, sorority, or other secret organization formed in whole or in part of students enrolled in this district may be disciplined by this Board. The Board reserves the right to require that any student attest as to **their his/her** membership in a secret organization.

N.J.S.A. 18A:42-5; 18A:42-6  
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## 5842 EQUAL ACCESS OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Board of Education will permit the use of school facilities by student-initiated organizations for non-curricular student activities. A student-initiated organization, regardless of the size of the group, will not be denied an opportunity to meet and use school facilities on the basis of **any of the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1(a)** or the ~~religious~~, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at their meeting.

An application for permission to meet on school premises shall be made to the **Principal or designee** \_\_\_\_\_, who shall grant permission provided **it is that he/she determines** that:

1. The activity has been initiated by students;
2. Attendance at the meeting is voluntary;
- ~~3. No agent or employee of the district will promote, lead, or participate in the meeting;~~
34. The meeting is for a lawful purpose;
45. The meeting does not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of instructional activities in the school;
56. Nonschool persons do not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend the activity; and
67. The activity is adequately supervised by appropriately certified school district staff.

A student-initiated group granted permission to meet on school premises shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the meetings of student



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organizations sponsored by this Board, except as provided by this Policy.

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Participation in a student-initiated meeting must be available to all students who wish to attend and cannot be denied on the basis of **any of the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1(a)** ~~a student's race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectational or sexual orientation or sex, social or economic status, or disability.~~ The Board will not permit the organization of a fraternity, sorority, or secret society **in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:42-5 and 18A:42-6.** ~~A student-initiated meeting may be attended by no more than \_\_\_\_\_ outside resource person(s).~~

Access to school facilities by student organizations will be provided within the governing principles of the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

**School district staff involvement in student organizations shall be in accordance with the governing principles of the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.**

An appropriately certified staff member shall be assigned to attend a student-initiated meeting in a custodial capacity and shall not participate in the activity while serving in this custodial capacity. No teaching staff member shall be **required** ~~compelled~~ to attend a student-initiated meeting if the content of the speech at the meeting is contrary to **their** ~~his/her~~ beliefs.

The ~~Building~~ Principal or **designee** may take such actions as may be necessary to maintain order and discipline on school premises and to protect the safety and well-being of students and staff members.

20 U.S.C.A. 1701 et seq.

United State Department of Education – Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools

**N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1; 6A:7-1.3**



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## 7610 VANDALISM

The Board of Education believes ~~that~~ all school district property should be respected and all persons who use or have access to school district property should respect such property and take pride in the institutions of this community and the schools of this district.

Any person who purposely or knowingly damages school district property or damages school district property recklessly or negligently in the employment of fire, explosives, or another dangerous means listed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2C:17-2 or purposely or recklessly tampers with the tangible property of the school district so as to endanger school district property shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency. **Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-3, the parent(s) of any minor who shall injure any public or nonpublic school property shall be liable for damages for the amount of injury to be collected by the Board or the owner of the premises in any Court of competent jurisdiction, together with costs of suit** ~~Where the damage to district property is more than minimal or has been caused by a student or a minor not a student of this district, the Board will hold liable for the amount of the damage the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) having legal custody and control of the minor responsible for the damage.~~

A person convicted of an offense of **criminal mischief** that involves an act of graffiti **may, in addition to any other penalty imposed by the Court, will be required to pay reimburse the school district monetary restitution in the amount of the pecuniary damage caused by the act of graffiti** ~~the cost of damages and may be required to perform community service, which may include removing the graffiti from the property, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2C:17-3.c. the law.~~ **If community service is ordered by the Court, it shall be for either not less than twenty days or not less than the number of days necessary to remove the graffiti from the property** ~~In addition, the courts may suspend or postpone driving privileges of any person, at least thirteen and under eighteen years of age, if convicted of an act of graffiti.~~



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A person who purposely defaces or damages district property with any symbol that exposes persons to violence, contempt, or hatred on the basis of **any of the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1(a)** ~~race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectational or sexual orientation or sex, social or economic status, or disability~~ **is may have committed** guilty of a crime and shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency **in accordance with Policy and Regulation 8465, N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.3, and the Memorandum of Agreement with Local Law Enforcement.**

The Board may also report to the appropriate law enforcement agencies any person whose vandalism of school property is serious or chronic.

~~The Superintendent shall develop regulations to implement this policy and to protect textbooks, school equipment, and school facilities from undue wear, damage, or loss.~~

N.J.S.A. 2C:33-10 et seq.  
N.J.S.A. 18A:34-2; 18A:37-3  
N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1; 6A:7-1.3; 6A:16-6.3



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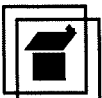
## 9323 NOTIFICATION OF JUVENILE OFFENDER CASE DISPOSITION

~~School~~ Principals have a need to receive and have access to juvenile justice proceedings involving juveniles who are registered students in the school building. The ~~school~~ Principal **or designee** shall have access to information relating to juvenile justice proceedings in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:4A-60.

The ~~school~~ Principal **or designee, on a confidential basis**, may request from law enforcement agencies at the time of charge, adjudication, or disposition, information as to the identity of a juvenile student charged, **the offense charged**, the adjudication, and the disposition. The ~~school~~ Principal **or designee** may inform school staff members of this information if the Principal **or designee** deems it appropriate for maintaining order, safety, or discipline in the school or for planning programs relevant to the juvenile's educational and social development. This information will not become part of the juvenile student's permanent school record and shall not be maintained except as authorized by regulation of the **New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE)**.

A law enforcement or prosecuting agency shall, at the time of a charge, adjudication, or disposition, **send written notice to advise** the ~~school~~ Principal **or designee** of the school where the juvenile is enrolled, of the identity of the juvenile charged, the offense charged, the adjudication, and the disposition if:

1. The offense occurred on school property or a school bus, occurred at a school-sponsored function, or was committed against an employee or official of the school; ~~or~~
2. The juvenile was taken into custody as a result of information or evidence provided by school officials; or
3. **The ~~An~~ offense**, if committed by an adult, would constitute a crime, and the offense:



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- a. Resulted in death or serious bodily injury or involved an attempt or conspiracy to cause death or serious bodily injury; ~~or~~

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- b. Involved the unlawful use or possession of a firearm or other weapon; ~~or~~
- c. Involved the unlawful manufacture, distribution, or possession with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance or controlled substance analog; ~~or~~
- d. Was committed by a juvenile who acted with a purpose to intimidate an individual or group of individuals because of race, color, ~~creed~~, religion, ~~national origin~~, ~~ancestry~~, age, ~~marital status~~, ~~affectional~~ or sexual orientation ~~or sex~~, ~~or ethnicity~~ ~~social or economic status~~, or ~~disability~~; or
- e. Would be a crime of the first, ~~or second~~, ~~or third~~ degree.

Information provided to the Principal or designee pursuant to ~~in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:4A-60.d. the section above~~ shall be treated as confidential **but may be made available to such members of the staff and faculty of the school as** . ~~The school Principal may inform school staff members of this information if the Principal or designee deems it appropriate for maintaining order, safety, or discipline in the school or for to planning programs relevant to a the juvenile's educational and social development. This information will not become part of the juvenile student's permanent school record and shall not be maintained except as authorized by regulation of the NJDOE Department of Education.~~

Law enforcement or the prosecuting agency may provide the ~~school~~ Principal or designee with information identifying one or more **juvenile students** ~~juveniles~~ who are under investigation or ~~who~~ have been taken into custody for the commission of any act that would constitute an offense if committed by an adult when the law enforcement or prosecuting agency determines that the information may be useful to the Principal or designee in maintaining order, safety, or discipline in the school or in planning programs relevant to the juvenile's educational and social development. Information provided in accordance with **N.J.S.A. 2A:4A-60.e.** ~~the section above~~ shall be treated as confidential, but the



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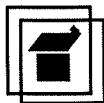
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The Principal or designee who requests and/or receives information as specified in this Policy shall notify the Superintendent or designee within twenty-four hours of the request being made. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 53:1-20.6, the Principal or designee shall notify the Superintendent or designee of any applicable fees associated with the request.

The school district shall comply with the NJDOE Department of Education rules and regulations concerning the creation, maintenance, and disclosure of student records regarding ~~school~~ Principal or designee notification of juvenile offender case disposition and this Policy.

N.J.S.A. 2A:4A-60 P.L.1982, e.79  
N.J.S.A.R.S. 53:1-15; 53:1-20.6  
N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1; 6A:7-1.3  
P.L.1985, e.69



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