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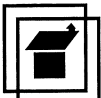
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3437 MILITARY LEAVE

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A permanent or full-time temporary officer or employee of the school district who is a member of the organized militia of New Jersey (New Jersey National Guard, New Jersey Naval Militia Joint Command) shall be entitled, in addition to pay received, if any, **as a member of the organized militia**, to a leave of absence **from his or her respective duties** without loss of pay or time on all days **during** ~~in which he/she~~ **he or she shall be** is engaged in any period of State or Federal active duty-; **provided, however, that t**The leave of absence for Federal active duty or active duty for training shall not exceed ninety work days in the aggregate in any calendar year. **Any leave of absence for such duty in excess of ninety work days shall be without pay, but without loss of time. Such leave shall be in addition to the regular vacation or other accrued leave provided to the officer or employee.** A ~~permanent or full-time temporary~~ officer or employee who has served **under such temporary appointment for** less than one year in the district shall receive this leave without pay, but without loss of time. ~~This paid leave shall be in addition to the regular vacation or other accrued leave provided to the officer or employee. Any leave of absence for such duty in excess of ninety workdays shall be without pay, but without loss of time.~~

A permanent or full-time temporary officer or employee of the school district who is a member of the organized reserve of the Army of the United States, United States Naval Reserve, United States Air Force Reserve, or United States Marine Corps Reserve, or other organization affiliated therewith, including the National Guard of other states, shall be entitled, in addition to pay received, if any, **as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States**, to a leave of absence **from his or her respective duty** without loss of pay or time on



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The district will provide benefits and rights for staff on military leave as required by Federal and State laws.

[Optional

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N.J.S.A. 18A:6-33; 18A:28-11.1; 18A:29-11; 18A:66-8.1
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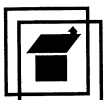
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R 7101 EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

Capital projects that affect any of the following criteria for educational adequacy shall be reviewed and approved by the Division of Administration and Finance (Division). The criteria are the number, configuration, size, location, or use of educational spaces within a school facility. The review for educational adequacy shall take into consideration the suitability of the number, configuration, size, location, and use of educational spaces; built-in furniture and equipment; and provisions for the disabled.

A. Projects Requiring Approval for Educational Adequacy – N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.1

1. Capital projects that involve the following types of building construction work shall be approved for educational adequacy:
 - a. New school facilities including pre-fabricated facilities;
 - b. Additions to existing school facilities;
 - c. Alterations to the total number, dimension in volume and/or area, configuration or location of educational spaces or the number of any one kind of educational space; and
 - d. Installation of temporary facilities.

B. New Jersey Schools Development Authority (Development Authority), Regular Operating District (ROD), and Other Capital Projects – N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.1(b)

1. Both Development Authority and ROD school facilities projects, along with other capital projects, shall be subject to educational adequacy reviews. The review process and types of documents subject to review will differ depending on whether the project is a school facilities project or other capital project, and if a school facilities project, on whether it is a Development Authority project or a ROD project.



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- a. For a Development Authority school facilities project, the Development Authority on behalf of the school district shall apply for the review and approval for educational adequacy in conjunction with the application for approval of a school facilities project pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-3.

The application shall be made prior to the review and approval of capital projects for compliance with the Uniform Construction Code (UCC), N.J.A.C. 5:23, by the Division of Codes and Standards in the Department of Community Affairs, and prior to local share authorization. The educational adequacy review shall cover the following types of project documents: educational specifications; schematic plans and related documents; detailed plans and specifications; and final plans and specifications. The educational specifications, schematic plans, and related documents shall be submitted by the Development Authority on behalf of the school district at the time of project application. Detailed and final plans and specifications shall be forwarded to the Division by the Development Authority after project approval, but prior to the Division determination of final eligible costs and Department of Community Affairs review for UCC compliance.

- b. For a ROD school facilities project, school districts shall apply for the review and approval for education adequacy in conjunction with the application for approval of a school facilities project. The educational adequacy review shall cover the following types of documents: educational specifications, schematic plans and related documents, and final plans and specifications. The educational specifications, schematic plans, and related documents shall be submitted by the school district at the time of project application. Final plans and specifications shall be submitted by the school district after project approval, but prior to the UCC-compliance review.



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- c. For any other capital project, school districts shall apply for the review and approval for educational adequacy in conjunction with the application for the Division review for consistency with the school district's approved LRFP. The educational adequacy review shall cover educational specifications, schematic plans and related documents, and final plans and specifications. The educational specifications, schematic plans, and related documents shall be submitted by the school district at the time the project is reviewed for consistency with the school district's approved LRFP. Final plans and specifications shall be submitted by the school district after the consistency review, but prior to the UCC-compliance review.

C. Change of Use of Instructional Space, Non-Capital Project – N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.1(c)

1. The Executive County Superintendent shall approve any change of use of instructional space that is not a capital project.

D. Educational Specifications – N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.2

1. Submissions of educational specifications for educational adequacy reviews shall include the following:
 - a. Details of the educational program activities and requirements for each space proposed in the capital project, and shall refer to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards wherever appropriate;
 - b. An itemized list of furniture, equipment, and support spaces required to conduct the educational program specified for each space, together with their net areas in square feet, as well as the net of the total room area required for each space;
 - c. Specific technical and environmental criteria, adjacencies, and other requirements for the educational program; and



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- d. A building-space program that indicates the number and net area in square feet of each instructional, specialized instructional, administrative, and support space in each existing or proposed building included in the capital project and/or the temporary facility.
- E. Schematic Plans and Other Related Project Documents – N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.3
- 1. Submissions of schematic plans for educational adequacy reviews shall include the following:
 - a. Four sets of schematic plans showing the entire existing and proposed building drawn to a scale of not less than 1/16 inch per foot. The approved use of each space, the proposed number of occupants, and the net square feet area shall be clearly labeled on all existing and proposed spaces;
 - b. Layouts of the built-in and moveable furniture and equipment for examples of all occupied spaces drawn to a scale of not less than 1/8 inch per foot;
 - c. Information required to demonstrate compliance with the Facility Planning Standards of N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6 including dimensions, clearances, ceiling heights, and required equipment;
 - d. Paths of travel for disabled persons;
 - e. A completed plot plan when work site is required, including the intended location of the school and a layout of the locations of all other structures, multi-purpose physical education fields, playgrounds, walkways, roadways, access roads, buffer and set back zones, parking areas, deed restrictions, easements, protective covenants, right of ways, and environmentally sensitive areas. If the land for the site is being acquired, an application also shall be submitted for approval under N.J.A.C. 6A:26-7.1; and



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- f. The signature and seal of a New Jersey licensed architect or professional engineer, if there is an architect or engineer engaged for the project, and signatures of the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent. In the case of Development Authority school facilities projects, schematic plans shall also be signed by the Development Authority, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 59:4-6.
 - 2. Other project documents to be submitted with the schematic plans shall include:
 - a. A project cost estimate on a form provided by the Commissioner;
 - b. A project schedule;
 - c. A copy of the dated transmittal letter to the Executive County Superintendent indicating project document submission to the Division; and
 - d. A copy of the transmittal letter indicating the date of plan submission to the local planning board, where required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-31 and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-16, including, but not limited to, whenever the project consists of a new building, the conversion of an existing building to school use, or the building footprint, volume, pedestrian, or vehicular access are altered by the project.
- F. Detailed Plans and Specifications and Final Plans and Specifications – N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.4
 - 1. In the case of a Development Authority school facilities project, the Development Authority on behalf of the school district shall apply upon completion of detailed plans and specifications for final approval of the project's educational adequacy. Detailed plans and specifications shall be considered adequate for calculations of final eligible costs if the plans and specifications are at least sixty percent complete. Final approval of the educational adequacy of the project shall occur prior to the calculation of the final eligible costs of the school facilities project pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-3.5. The application for final approval shall include:



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- a. Four individually packaged sets of detailed plans, drawn to a scale of not less than 1/8 inch per foot, signed and sealed by a New Jersey licensed architect or professional engineer and signed by the President of the Board of Education, Superintendent, and the Development Authority, and specifications to sufficiently demonstrate the school facilities project conforms to schematic plans approved by the Division. To demonstrate such conformance, the submission shall include architectural floor plans, an architectural site plan, as applicable, and architectural drawings that will allow verification of ceiling heights and other applicable standards in N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.3. If the Division determines the documents are not sufficient to demonstrate conformity with the schematic plans, it may request additional drawings and/or technical specifications;
 - b. The fee calculated according to the fee schedule pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.5; and
 - c. In the event there is a change affecting the number, configuration, size, location, or use of educational spaces as set forth in the detailed plans and specifications submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, the Development Authority shall submit to the Division the application with two sets of final plans and specifications, as set forth in subparagraph 2.a. below. No additional fee will be imposed.
2. In the case of a ROD school facilities project or another capital project, the school district shall apply upon the completion of final plans and specifications for final approval of the educational adequacy of the project. The application shall include:
 - a. Four individually packaged sets of detailed plans, drawn to a scale of not less than 1/8 inch per foot, signed and sealed by a New Jersey licensed architect or professional engineer and signed by the President of the Board of Education and Superintendent, and specifications to sufficiently demonstrate the capital project conforms to schematic plans approved by the Division as described in F.1.a. above;



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- b. A properly executed copy of a "Request for Local Release of School Construction Plans" for a district that chooses to have a municipal code enforcing agency review its plans for UCC conformance. The review shall include the documentation required by the UCC in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.15, for the requirements for application for a construction permit or for plan review, as appropriate. The Superintendent and municipal code enforcing agency chief shall sign the form, which may be obtained from the Division; and
 - c. A check, payable to the "Treasurer, State of New Jersey," for the fee calculated according to the fee schedule pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.5.
- 3. In the case of a temporary facility, the school district or the Development Authority on behalf of the school district for Development Authority school facilities projects, shall apply to the Division upon the completion of detailed plans and educational specifications for approval of the temporary facility's adequacy. Detailed plans and educational specifications shall be considered adequate for calculations of eligible costs if the plans and educational specifications are at least sixty percent complete unless otherwise provided in N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.4. The application shall include items in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.4(c) as outlined below:
 - a. Four sets of detailed plans, drawn to a scale of not less than 1/8 inch per foot, signed and sealed by a New Jersey registered architect or licensed engineer and signed by the President of the Board of Education and Superintendent, as well as the Development Authority in the case of a temporary facility that is part of a Development Authority school facilities project, and educational specifications to sufficiently demonstrate the educational adequacy of the temporary facility and compliance with the temporary facility standards at N.J.A.C. 6A:26-8;



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- b. A completed plot plan whenever site work is required for the temporary facility. On it shall be shown the intended location of the temporary facility and a layout of all other structures, play and recreation areas, athletic fields, walkways, roadways, access roads, buffer and set-back zones, and parking areas. It also clearly shall indicate the impact that placement of the temporary facility will have on the site of the permanent school facility;
- c. A copy of the dated transmittal letter to the Executive County Superintendent indicating plan submission to the Division;
- d. A copy of the transmittal letter indicating the date of plan submission to the local planning board, whenever required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-31 and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-16;
- e. A temporary facility schedule addressing the relationship to the school facilities project schedule, in the event that the temporary facility is part of a school facilities project;
- f. The fee calculated according to the fee schedule pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.5. If the temporary facility is not part of a Development Authority school facilities project, payment shall be in the form of a check, payable to the "Treasurer, State of New Jersey";
 - (1) If the fee for the temporary facility is submitted to the Division prior to the submission of the fee for the final educational adequacy review for the school facilities project, the amount paid for the temporary facility will be credited toward the fee for the school facilities project;
- g. If the temporary facility is not part of a Development Authority school facilities project, a properly executed copy of a Request for Local Release of School Construction Plans for a school district that chooses to have a municipal code enforcing agency review its plans for conformance with the UCC. Such review shall require the documentation required by the UCC, N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.15,



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for the requirements for application for a construction permit or for plan review, as appropriate. The Superintendent and municipal code enforcing agency chief shall sign the form, which may be obtained from the Division; and

- h. If the temporary facility was previously used for school purposes and a certificate of occupancy for ~~District Factor~~ Group E, **as designated by the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs**, is in effect and no change of use is required, a floor plan with proposed occupancy in lieu of signed and sealed plans shall be submitted to the Division to meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.4.

G. Fee Schedule – N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.5

The Division will collect fees for reviews of detailed/final plans and specifications for educational adequacy in the case of Development Authority school facilities projects and for its reviews of final plans and specifications for educational adequacy in ROD school facilities projects and other capital projects in accordance with the fee schedule outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.5.

H. Capital Projects Not Subject to Educational Adequacy Review – N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.6

1. For a Development Authority school facilities project not subject to educational adequacy review, the Division shall issue a preliminary project report and shall forward to the Department of Community Affairs for review the report along with drawings or narrative sufficient to delineate the scope of work, so the Department of Community Affairs may review construction documents for UCC conformance. The review shall require the documentation required by the UCC in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.15, for the requirements for application for a construction permit or for plan review, as appropriate.



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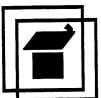
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2. For a ROD school facilities project or other capital project not subject to educational adequacy review, the Division shall make a determination of the project's final eligible costs and shall forward to the Department of Community Affairs for review the determination along with drawings or narrative sufficient to delineate the scope of work, so the Department of Community Affairs may review construction documents for UCC conformance. The review shall include the documentation required by the UCC in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.15, for the requirements for a construction-permit or plan-review application, as appropriate. If the school district has submitted to the Division a properly executed copy of a "Request for Local Release of School Construction Plans," pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.4(b)2, the Division shall forward the release form to the Department of Community Affairs for its action.

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7425 LEAD TESTING OF WATER IN SCHOOLS

The health, safety, and welfare of the children in the school district are of utmost importance to the Board of Education. The potential exposure to lead-contaminated drinking water poses serious health problems, particularly for children, as well as for teachers and school personnel, since the risk of lead contamination can come from pipe and plumbing fixtures in school facilities or on school grounds. The Board shall assure the availability of potable drinking water through sanitary means in school facilities or on school grounds. The Board of Education shall provide, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4, testing for lead in all district sources of drinking water.

The Board shall conduct lead sampling and analysis in all drinking water outlets to which a student or staff member has or may have access in each school facility, other facility, or temporary facility, as soon as practicable, but no later than July 13, 2017, unless the district qualifies for an exemption in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(d)(h)(i). This testing shall be conducted with a lead sampling plan in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(d)1, 2, and 3, and shall be in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, N.J.S.A. 58:12A-1.

Within twenty-four hours after the Board or designee has completed a review of final laboratory results in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(e), the test results shall be made publicly available at the school facility and on the Board of Education's website. If any results exceed the permissible lead action level, the Board shall provide written notification to the parents of all students attending the facility, facility staff, and the New Jersey Department of Education. This notification shall include: a description of the measures taken by the Board or designee to immediately end the use of each drinking water outlet where the water quality exceeded the permissible lead action level; the measures taken to ensure that alternate drinking water has been made available to all students and staff members; and information regarding the health effects of lead in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(e)1 and 2. After the initial screening, the Board will conduct these lead screenings every six years and shall sample for lead after the replacement of any drinking water outlet or any other alteration to plumbing or service lines that may impact lead levels at the outlet, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(f)1 and 2.



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The Board shall submit to the New Jersey Department of Education by June 30 of each year a statement of assurance, that the school district completed lead testing in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4; that notifications were provided consistent with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4; and that alternative drinking water continues to be made available to all students and staff, if necessary, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(g).

The Board may apply for reimbursement for the costs of any water supply testing and analysis conducted, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(j).

N.J.S.A. 58:12A-1 et seq.

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7440 SCHOOL DISTRICT SECURITY OF SCHOOL PREMISES

The Board of Education believes ~~that~~ the buildings and facilities of ~~this the~~ **school** district represent a substantial community investment. The Board directs the development and implementation of a plan for **school** district security to protect ~~that the school community's~~ investment **in the school buildings and facilities.**

The **school** district security program will include: ~~the~~ maintenance of facilities **that are** secure against unwelcome intrusion; protection against fire hazards and faulty equipment; and **compliance** ~~the observation with~~ of safe practices in the use of electrical, plumbing, and heating, **and other school building** equipment. The Board directs close cooperation of district officials with ~~local~~ law enforcement, ~~officers, fire fighters, the sheriff's office, and insurance company~~ **inspectors fire officials, and other emergency agencies.**

The Superintendent of Schools shall designate a school administrator as a School Safety Specialist for the district in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:17-43.3. The School Safety Specialist shall be required to acquire a New Jersey Department of Education School Safety Specialist certification in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:17-43.2. The School Safety Specialist shall also serve as the school district's liaison with local law enforcement and national, State, and community agencies and organizations in matters of school safety and security.

~~Personal~~ Access to school buildings and grounds outside the hours school is in session shall be limited to personnel whose employment requires their presence in the facility. An adequate key control system will be established to limit building access to authorized personnel and guard against the potential of intrusion by unauthorized persons who have obtained **access** ~~keys~~ improperly.

Building records and funds shall be kept in a safe place and **secured** ~~under lock and key~~ as appropriate and necessary.



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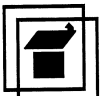
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Protective devices designed to be used as safeguards against illegal entry and vandalism may be installed when appropriate. The Board may approve the employment of **school resource officers, school security officers, and/or law enforcement officers** guards in situations in which special risks are involved.

N.J.S.A. 18A:17-43.1; 18A:17-43.2; 18A:17-43.3

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A. Definitions

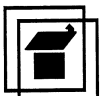
“Access” means authorized access to a school building or school grounds through the use of a Board-approved key control system.

“Key control system” means the use of a key, card, code, or any other means to disengage a locking mechanism to provide entry to a school building or school grounds.

“School buildings” and “school grounds” means and includes land, portions of land, structures, buildings, and vehicles, when used for the provision of academic or extracurricular programs sponsored by the district or community provider and structures that support these buildings, such as school wastewater treatment facilities, generating facilities, and other central service facilities including, but not limited to, kitchens and maintenance shops. “School buildings” and “school grounds” also includes athletic stadiums; swimming pools; any associated structures or related equipment tied to such facilities including, but not limited to, grandstands; night field lights; greenhouses; garages; facilities used for non-instructional or non-educational purposes; and any structure, building, or facility used solely for school administration. “School buildings” and “school grounds” also includes other facilities such as playgrounds; and other recreational places owned by local municipalities, private entities, or other individuals during those times when the school district has exclusive use of a portion of such land in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.3 and 6A:26-1.2.

B. Access to School Buildings and School Grounds

1. Access to school buildings and grounds during the school day will be permitted to all students enrolled in the school, all authorized school staff members, and visitors pursuant to Policy and Regulation 9150.
2. Access to school buildings and grounds before and after the school day will be permitted to:
 - a. Members of the Board of Education;



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- b. Administrative and supervisory staff members, teaching staff members, and support staff members assigned to a school building or grounds in the performance of their duties;
 - c. Other school staff members in the performance of their professional responsibilities;
 - d. Students involved in interscholastic athletics, co-curricular or extra-curricular activities, and authorized spectators;
 - e. Members of organizations granted the use of school premises pursuant to Policy and Regulation 7510;
 - f. Police officers, fire fighters, health inspectors, and other agents of Federal, State, and local government in the performance of their official duties;
 - g. Members of the public present to attend a public Board of Education or public school-related function; and
 - h. Others authorized by the Superintendent or designee and/or by Board Policy.
3. All visitors to a school building during a school day will be required to register their presence in the school and comply with the provisions of Policy and Regulation 9150. The school's registration and sign-in procedures may include the use of a school visitor management system requiring the visitor to present acceptable identification to access the school building.
4. Signs will be conspicuously posted to inform visitors of the requirement to register their presence into the building.
- C. Key Control System for Access to School Buildings and Facilities
1. School staff members will be provided access to a school building using the school's key control system as follows:
- a. Teaching staff members and support staff members will be provided access using the school's key control system to the school building and to other facilities on school grounds to which they require access for the performance of their professional duties.



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- (1) The Building Principal will determine the school staff members who shall be provided access to facilities within the school building and on school grounds.
 - (2) The Superintendent or designee will determine the district administrators, supervisors, and other staff members who shall be provided access to facilities within the school building and on school grounds.
 2. School staff members provided access to a school building or other facilities on school grounds shall be responsible for ensuring their key control system authorization is not shared with another individual without prior approval of the Principal or designee for school staff members, or the Superintendent or designee for district staff members. Staff members are prohibited from permitting their key control system authorization to be used by another person unless prior approval is obtained from the Principal or designee at the building level and Superintendent or designee at the district level or in the event of an emergency.
 3. A staff member's loss of a key, card, or any other device authorizing the staff member access to a school building or a facility on school grounds must be immediately reported to the Principal or Superintendent or designee. The staff member who loses a key, card, or any such access device may be responsible for the replacement cost.
- D. Staff Member Responsibilities
1. Staff members should not bring to school valuable personal items that cannot be in the staff member's personal possession at all times. The Board of Education is not responsible for a staff member's personal possession in the event the item is lost, stolen, misplaced, damaged, or destroyed.
 2. In the event a staff member observes a student has a valuable item in school, the staff member will report it to the Principal or designee. A valuable item may include, but is not limited to, an unusually large amount of money, expensive jewelry or electronic equipment, or any item that is determined by the Principal or designee to be valuable to a student based on the student's age.



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- a. The Principal or designee may contact the student's parent and request the parent come to school to retrieve the valuable item;
 - b. The Principal or designee may secure the valuable item and return it to the student at the end of the school day and inform the student and the parent not to bring the valuable item to school in the future; or
 - c. The Principal or designee will permit the student to maintain the valuable item and inform the student and the parent not to bring the valuable item to school in the future.
 - d. The Board of Education is not responsible for a student's personal possession in the event the item is lost, stolen, misplaced, damaged, or destroyed when in the possession of the student.
 3. Teaching staff members shall close classroom windows and shut and lock classroom doors when leaving at the end of the school day; shut and lock classroom doors during the school day when the room is not going to be in use after their assignment, and report immediately to the Principal or designee any evidence of tampering or theft.
 4. Custodians shall, at the end of the work day, conduct a security check of the building to make certain that all windows are closed and all office, classroom, and building doors are shut and locked, except as such doors may be required to be open for persons with access.
 5. Office personnel shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure the security of all school and district records and documents against unauthorized access, deterioration, and destruction.
- E. School Safety Specialist
1. The Superintendent of Schools shall designate a school administrator as a School Safety Specialist for the district in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:17-43.3.



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2. The School Safety Specialist shall:
 - a. Be responsible for the supervision and oversight for all school safety and security personnel, policies, and procedures in the school district;
 - b. Ensure that these policies and procedures are in compliance with State law and regulations; and
 - c. Provide the necessary training and resources to school district staff in matters relating to school safety and security.
3. The School Safety Specialist shall also serve as the school district's liaison with law enforcement and national, State, and community agencies and organizations in matters of school safety and security.
4. The School Safety Specialist shall be required to acquire a New Jersey Department of Education School Safety Specialist Certification in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:17-43.2.

F. Summoning Law Enforcement Authorities

1. Law enforcement authorities will be summoned promptly whenever evidence is discovered that indicates: a crime has been committed on school premises or in the course of staff or student transportation to or from school; a break and entry may have occurred on school grounds; a deadly weapon is on school premises; a breach of the peace has occurred on school premises; for any reason required in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Education and Law Enforcement and in accordance with Policy and Regulation 9320; or for any other reason there is concern about the health, safety, and welfare of persons on school grounds or school property.
2. A call to law enforcement agents will be reported to the Superintendent as soon as possible, along with the reason(s) for which the call was made and the outcome of the incident.

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