

8601 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 8601 for the supervision of younger pupils after dismissal. The supervision provisions of Policy Guide 8601 are applicable to parents or legal guardians of pupils attending district-operated schools or programs in grades Pre-Kindergarten to eight who are eligible for and elect not to use district-provided transportation after dismissal.

The Kingwood Township Board of Education has deemed all of its roads as hazardous and offers transportation to all of its pupils. No pupil is permitted to walk to and from school, either by themselves or with an escort. Pupils may be transported to and from school by their parent and/or designee in a private vehicle.

As use of the school transportation system is the primary mode for pupils to come to and leave school, the Board requires all pupils who leave the school building by a private vehicle be signed out of school, i.e., released, by the parent/guardian or their designee every school day. The pupils will be supervised by school staff members from the school's dismissal time until the parent or designee comes into the school building and signs out the pupil.

The school Principal, in conjunction with the Superintendent or his/her designee, shall develop and implement specific written dismissal procedures for his/her building. The dismissal procedures shall, at a minimum, specify:

1. Starting and dismissal times for regular school days, early dismissal days, and/or any other starting or dismissal times whether due to emergencies, weather, or other events;
2. The number of staff members assigned to pupil supervision duties at dismissal;
3. The responsibilities of said staff members;
4. Where the staff members shall be located and/or patrol during dismissal;



5. How long the staff members will perform such supervision duties;
6. Designated pick-up areas of the building with release when the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated escort(s) arrives to pick up the pupil and signs the pupil out of school;
7. The procedures for early dismissal days;
8. The determination of the time period when a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated escort(s) may enter the school building to pick up their pupil(s) in order to avoid traffic and vehicular congestion.
9. Where a pupil shall be supervised in the event of an emergency such that, when an unforeseen event prevents a parent or legal guardian or designated escort from arriving for the child(ren) at dismissal within the time period designated by the Principal or program administrator.

The school will provide parent(s) or legal guardian(s) information regarding any supervised after-school services, if any, that may be available to pupils at the school's facilities after formal school dismissal.

This Policy shall be published in pupil/school handbooks. In addition, the school district shall provide to parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in the beginning of the school year, the school's calendar to include the starting and dismissal times for full session, half-session, and early dismissal days due to weather or other emergencies along with a copy of the school's written dismissal procedures. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall be required to return to the school a signed acknowledgement of receipt of the pupil/school handbook, which shall include this Policy and the school calendar. In addition, any changes to the school's calendar made during the school year shall also be provided to parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

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