

POLICY**FILE CODE: 1410**

LOCAL UNITS

The board of education wishes to cooperate as fully as possible with other public agencies in the community which deal with pupils. Cooperation will include pooling resources and exchanging information with other community agencies. The chief school administrator shall seek to develop positive working relationships with such agencies, including but not limited to police authorities, fire departments, Division of Youth and Family Services, local hospital room and local ambulance/rescue 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. At the same time, schools have the responsibility to parents/guardians for the welfare of their children while they are in school. To carry out this dual responsibility, the administration is directed to follow the procedures developed to implement board policies, particularly those for policies numbered 5131.5, 5131.6, 5131.7, 5145.11 and 5145.12. Additionally, the cooperation of the Hackettstown Police Department shall be utilized to enforce the local motor vehicle and traffic laws on the High School Property, based upon procedures approved by the Superintendent of Schools.

Fire Department

The chief school administrator shall seek input from local fire officials when course materials in fire safety are being reviewed and revised. 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 chief school administrator 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, 5141.1, 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 chief school administrator 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 chief school administrator shall include in his/her reports to the board an evaluation of the desirability and feasibility of cooperation with other school districts.

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