

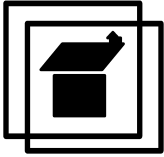
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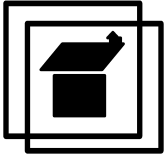
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This paragraph describes the effect of the development on local Board policy. Local policy is **MANDATED** by law or monitoring standards, (these policies will be designated with a “M” in the upper right hand corner), **RECOMMENDED** by sound management practices, or merely **SUGGESTED** as may be appropriate to meet your district needs.

These Policy and Regulation Guides should be used to update the Policy and Regulation Manuals of the school district. If your district manual(s) contain any of the policies or regulations contained in this Policy Alert, they must be updated for your district manual(s) to remain current and in compliance with law. It does not matter whether or not the policy or regulation is MANDATED, all policies and regulations in district manuals contained in this Alert should be updated.

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0141.1 – Board Member and Term – Sending District (Revised)

0141.2 – Board Member and Term – Receiving District (Revised)

P.L. 2017, c. 140 was passed and has amended N.J.S.A. 18A:38-8.1 broadening the voting rights of representatives of sending districts who are eligible for membership on a receiving district Board of Education. The new law indicates a sending district representative would also be eligible to vote on any matter directly involving the sending district students or programs and services utilized by them; approval of the annual receiving district budget; any collectively negotiated agreement involving employees who provide services utilized by sending district students; any individual employee contracts not covered by a collectively negotiated agreement, if those employees provide or oversee programs or services utilized by sending district students; and any matter concerning governance of the receiving Board, including, but not limited to, the selection of the Board President and Vice President, approval of Board Bylaws, and the employment of professionals or consultants such as attorneys, architects, engineers, or others who provide services to the receiving district Board of Education. Strauss Esmay revised Bylaw Guide 0141.1 and Bylaw Guide 0141.2 adding these new voting rights as part of Number 4 in each of the Bylaw Guides. In addition, the option regarding Exception Districts has been replaced with a summary paragraph as this exception only applies to one school district in the State. These Guides are only recommended for school districts in a sending-receiving relationship.

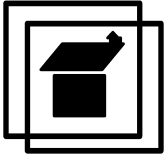
Bylaw Guide 0141.1 is **RECOMMENDED**

Bylaw Guide 0141.2 is **RECOMMENDED**

2422 – Health and Physical Education (M) (Revised)

Policy Guide 2422 has been revised to reflect the following changes:

1. “Core Curriculum Content Standards” or “CCCS” has been changed to reflect “New Jersey Student Learning Standards” or “NJSLS.” Strauss Esmay previously addressed this issue in the definition section of the Introduction Bylaw by indicating any place in the Policy and Regulation Manual that references “CCCS” shall mean “NJSLS.” However, references to “CCCS” will be updated to “NJSLS” as individual Policy and Regulation Guides are revised as required by statute or administrative code revisions.
2. Strauss Esmay’s Policy and Regulation Guides do not typically provide details regarding learning standards; however, the health and physical education standards reference many statutory responsibilities for school districts and are listed in this Policy Guide to serve as an additional notice to school districts. The revised Policy Guide removes the details under each statutory requirement as these details are included in the NJSLS and are incorporated by reference. In addition, listing the basic requirements of the statute and removing the details included in the NJSLS avoids having to revise and re-adopt this Policy Guide when the NJSLS are revised in the future.



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3. P.L. 2018, Chapter 73 was approved on August 10, 2018 and requires school districts to provide at least twenty minutes of daily recess for students in Kindergarten through fifth grade. This recess time cannot be counted toward the health and physical education requirement of 150 minutes per week. Policy Guide 2422 has also been revised to incorporate the provisions of this new statute, N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.31. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has indicated guidance will be provided to school districts on meeting the requirements of this new law and the health and physical education requirements. The NJDOE informed districts this requirement is effective for the 2019-2020 school year.
4. There is an additional statutory requirement added to this Policy Guide. N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.33 was passed on August 10, 2018 and requires the Board to include instruction once during middle school on the social, emotional, and legal consequences of distributing and soliciting sexually explicit images through electronic means as part of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education. Strauss Esmay has added this requirement to Policy Guide 2422 as Number 16.

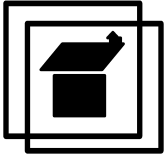
The inclusion of the recess requirements in this Policy Guide along with the other statutory requirements make this Policy Guide mandated.

Policy Guide 2422 is **MANDATED**

P 2431.3 – Practice and Pre-Season Heat-Acclimation for School-Sponsored Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities (Revised)

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) recently published a revised version of their recommended Pre-Season Heat-Acclimation Guidelines for school districts with the purpose of minimizing injury and enhancing the player's health, performance, and well-being. The New Jersey Department of Education August 2018 Broadcast recommends districts apply these guidelines for all school-sponsored athletic programs and extra-curricular activities during warm weather. Policy Guide 2431.3 has been revised to include two options. The first option authorizes the Superintendent of Schools or designee to develop and approve a practice and pre-season heat-acclimation procedure and to ensure its implementation for *all* school-sponsored athletic programs and extra-curricular activities during warm weather and does not include detailed procedures in the Policy Guide. The second option requires implementation of the NJSIAA recommended procedures for *all* school-sponsored athletic programs and extra-curricular activities during warm weather months. Both options extend these procedures to *all* school-sponsored athletic programs and extra-curricular activities during warm weather which also explains the revision to the Policy title. Regardless of the option selected, this Policy Guide and any practice and pre-season heat-acclimation procedures should be reviewed by administrative and athletic department staff members. In addition, the Policy Guide requires the school physician to review the pre-season and heat-acclimation procedures and this Policy prior to Board approval. Implementing pre-season heat-acclimation procedures for students is not required by any statute or administrative code, but this Policy Guide is highly recommended for school districts with school-sponsored activities occurring during the warm weather months. This revised Policy Guide should replace a district's current Policy 2431.3.

Policy Guide 2431.3 is **RECOMMENDED**



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P 2610 – Educational Program Evaluation (M) (Revised)

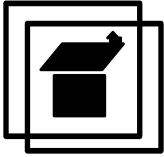
Policy Guide 2610 has been revised to provide additional details regarding the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) requirement that districts monitor the progress of students and measure the effectiveness of programs, initiatives, and strategies. NJQSAC Operations Indicator #4 on the new District Performance Review (DPR) requires a school district to use multiple (more than two) sources of data to monitor student achievement and to evaluate the effectiveness of programs, initiatives, and strategies. Current Policy Guides 2220, 2428.1, 2610, and 2622 and Policy and Regulation Guides 2624 indicate student progress will be monitored and the educational program will be evaluated in multiple ways to meet the requirements of the DPR Operations Indicator #4, but these Guides do not specifically include the phrase “the use of multiple sources of data” which is also not included in any statute or administrative code. Policy Guide 2610 has been revised to explicitly reference “the use of multiple sources of data” for monitoring student progress and evaluating the educational program. This Policy Guide is mandated.

Policy Guide 2610 is **MANDATED**

P 4219 – Commercial Driver’s License Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use Testing (M) (Revised)

Policy Guide 4219 Commercial Driver’s License Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use Testing has been updated to reflect changes in the Federal regulations. Strauss Esmay has removed the table of prohibited substances and unacceptable levels for testing results and replaced it with a citation to the Federal regulations where the most current table can be found. Strauss Esmay decided to remove the table because it has frequent, unannounced changes and we did not want a district to have a policy adopted that is not in compliance with the Federal regulations. Commercial driver’s license (CDL) drug testing companies are aware of the prohibited substances to be tested and the unacceptable levels for testing results. The Policy Guide is also revised to reflect the change in the Federal agency governing the regulations outlined in this Policy Guide from the Federal Highway Administration to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Finally, the section of the Policy Guide titled “Split Specimen Tests” has been revised as the Federal regulations place these procedural responsibilities on the laboratory conducting the tests and not the school district. There are also additional revisions throughout the Policy Guide that reflect changes in the Federal regulations. This Policy Guide is mandated for school districts that have employees serving in positions that require a CDL or a school district that uses contracted transportation services that require the use of a CDL.

Policy Guide 4219 is **MANDATED**



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P 5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised)

R 5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised)

Pursuant to a New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) broadcast document titled “Enrollment Considerations for Immigrant Students” dated August 22, 2018, Strauss Esmay has revised Policy and Regulation Guides 5111 - Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students. N.J.A.C. 6A:22-3.3 prohibits refusing admittance of any student from public elementary and secondary schools on the basis of immigration/visa status, except for students on F-1 Visas. Strauss Esmay contacted the NJDOE for clarification regarding this administrative code section and was informed the school enrollment eligibility requirements for F-1 Visas are governed by Federal statutes and regulations administered by the U.S. Department of State and/or the U.S. Department of Homeland Security - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Strauss Esmay researched the Federal regulation, 8 CFR 214.2(f)(1)(i)(D), on this subject and the written guidance published by the U.S. Department of State – Bureau of Consular Affairs. The Federal regulations and the guidance clearly indicate school districts may only allow F-1 Visa students to enroll in the district if full tuition is paid. A school district is not required to permit admittance of an F-1 Visa student in accordance with Federal regulation - 8 CFR 214.3. Policy and Regulation Guides 5111 have been revised with an option: to either not admit F-1 Visa students or to admit an F-1 Visa student only if the student pays full tuition. School districts should ensure any registration forms and practices are consistent with the provisions of this Policy and Regulation Guide. Policy and Regulation Guides 5111 are mandated. The revised Regulation Guide is now required to be adopted by the Board.

Policy Guide 5111 is **MANDATED**

Regulation Guide 5111 is **MANDATED**

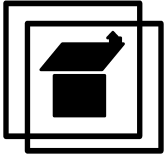
P 5330.04 – Administering an Opioid Antidote (M) (Revised)

R 5330.04 – Administering an Opioid Antidote (M) (New)

P.L. 2018, Chapter 106 – N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.23 through 12.27 was recently approved requiring schools with grades nine through twelve to obtain an opioid antidote under a standing order. The new law requires an opioid antidote to be accessible in the school building during regular school hours and during school-sponsored functions that take place in the school or on school grounds adjacent to the school building at any time. The Board may, in its discretion, make an opioid antidote accessible during school-sponsored functions that take place off school grounds.

The updated Policy Guide has a few key provisions:

1. The requirement to acquire an opioid antidote and administer it in an emergency situation is now mandated for all schools with grades nine through twelve and optional for all other schools;
2. The school district shall require training through the specified appropriate entity or entities for the school nurse and designated staff members who volunteer to administer the opioid antidote;



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3. A person that was administered an opioid antidote must be transported to the hospital by emergency services personnel after the administration, even if the individual's symptoms appear to be resolved; and
4. The school nurse and designated trained staff members who volunteer to administer the opioid antidote shall not be held liable for any good faith act or omission when administering an opioid antidote.

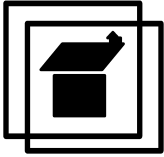
A school district with a school with grades nine through twelve is required to have a school nurse or staff member trained to administer an opioid antidote promptly available on site at the school during regular hours and at all school-sponsored functions that take place in the school or on school grounds adjacent to the school building at any time. This requirement will be challenging for school districts.

The new law is effective December 1, 2018 and requires the NJDOE to establish guidelines, which have not yet been published. Strauss Esmay was hoping to review the NJDOE Guidance prior to developing a Policy and Regulation Guide before the effective date. Unfortunately, the Guidance is not yet available and our office recognizes school districts need a Policy and Regulation Guide. These Guides may need to be revised when the NJDOE Guidance is published. This Policy Guide should replace a district's existing Policy 5330.04, if previously adopted by the Board. The Regulation Guide is new. Policy and Regulation Guides 5330.04 are mandated.

Policy Guide 5330.04 is **MANDATED**
Regulation Guide 5330.04 is **MANDATED**

P 5337 – Service Animals (Revised)

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as amended by the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, requires public school districts to permit the use of service animals by individuals with disabilities who require such support. Policy Guide 5337 has been revised to reflect expanding Federal case law in other jurisdictions stating, among other things, a Board of Education may not *require* an individual with a disability using a service animal to carry liability insurance for the service animal. The United States District Court Southern Division of Florida in *Monica Alboniga, individually and on behalf of A.M., a minor, v. The School Board of Broward County Florida*, February 10, 2015, indicated a requirement for a student with a disability to maintain liability insurance for their service animal is “an impermissible discriminatory practice.” In addition, the Court in *Alboniga* held a school district is not responsible to pay for or provide a handler to aid the individual with a disability in the control of a service animal, but is responsible to assist an individual with a disability in performing the tasks required of the individual for the care and maintenance of the service animal. The Court indicated requiring the school district to provide a person to assist the individual by tethering or untethering the dog from the individual's wheelchair for the dog to go outside to relieve themselves during the day was not an unreasonable accommodation. The Court indicated



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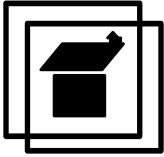
this accommodation was the same as a school employee assisting a diabetic child with an insulin pump; a physically disabled child with his/her wheelchair; or a blind child deploying a cane. These Federal cases were decided by Federal Courts in jurisdictions other than New Jersey's; however, it is very likely a similar case in New Jersey would be decided in the same manner. Policy Guide 5337 has been revised to incorporate these two provisions. The Board may want to discuss this issue with the Board Attorney and insurance carrier to ensure the district is insured for an individual's use of a service animal. This Policy Guide is not mandated, but is an important requirement for all school districts.

Policy Guide 5337 is **RECOMMENDED**

P 5756 – Transgender Students (M) (Revised)

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-41 was approved in July 2017 and requires the development and distribution of guidelines concerning transgender students by the Commissioner of Education. The new law required the guidelines to include, but not be limited to, information and guidance for New Jersey's public schools. The Commissioner established a working group that assisted in developing the guidelines that were recently released in October 2018. The October 2018 Transgender Student Guidance for School Districts (Guidance) includes seven sections: Definitions/Terms; Student-Centered Approach; Safe and Supportive Environment; Confidentiality and Privacy; School Records; Activities; and Use of Facilities. The Guidance also provides a document "Transgender Guidance Resources: 2018" that includes resources and professional development opportunities for school and district staff. Strauss Esmay developed Policy Guide 5756 that aligns with the Guidance to replace a district's existing Policy Guide 5756. Any use of the terms "shall," "should," "will," and "may" in the Policy Guide aligns verbatim with the Guidance document. It is recommended any revisions to the terms "shall," "should," "will," and "may", as they appear in the Guidance and Policy Guide 5756 be reviewed by the Board Attorney. Below are a few important issues in the Guidance and Policy Guide 5756:

1. The school district shall accept a student's asserted gender identity and parental consent is not required.
2. In the event a parent objects to the minor student's name change request, the Superintendent or designee should consult the Board Attorney regarding the minor student's civil rights and protections under the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination.
3. The Principal or designee, during an initial meeting with a student, should also discuss with the student, and any other individuals at the student's request, the risks associated with the student's transgender status being inadvertently disclosed.



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4. Due to a specific and compelling need, such as the health and safety of a student or an incident of a bias-related crime, a school district may be obligated to disclose a student's status. In this event, the Principal or designee should inform the student the school or school district intends to disclose the student's transgender status for the student's protection and well-being. Prior to disclosure, the student should be given the opportunity to personally disclose the information.
5. If a student has expressed a preference to be called by a name other than their birth name, permanent student records containing the student's birth name should be kept in a separate, confidential file. This file should only be shared with appropriate school staff members after consultation with a student. A separate file containing records bearing the student's chosen name may also be kept.
6. With respect to gender-segregated classes or athletic activities, including intramural and interscholastic athletics, all students must be allowed to participate in a manner consistent with their gender identity.
7. All students are entitled to have access to restrooms, locker rooms, and changing facilities in accordance with their gender identity to allow for involvement in various school programs and activities. Non-transgender students should also be afforded the option to use a private facility, such as a unisex facility or the nurse's restroom, should the student feel uncomfortable.

Policy Guide 5756 is mandated and should replace an existing Policy Guide 5756 if the Board previously adopted a transgender Policy for students.

Policy Guide 5756 is **MANDATED**

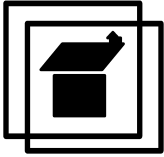
P 7440 – School District Security (M) (Revised)

R 7440 – School District Security (M) (Revised)

Recent amendments to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-43.3 were approved permitting the Superintendent of Schools to designate a school employee with expertise in school safety and security as the School Safety Specialist for the school district with supervision and oversight responsibilities for all school safety and security personnel and school safety policies/procedures in the school district. The statute still permits the Superintendent to designate a school administrator as the School Safety Specialist. The School Safety Specialist shall also serve as the school district liaison with law enforcement. Policy and Regulation Guides 7440 were revised to permit the Superintendent to designate a "school employee with expertise in school safety and security" along with the current language permitting the Superintendent to designate a school administrator as the School Safety Specialist. The revised Policy and Regulation Guides 7440 should replace the district's current Policy and Regulation Guides 7440. Policy and Regulation Guides 7440 are mandated.

Policy Guide 7440 is **MANDATED**

Regulation Guide 7440 is **MANDATED**



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P 8561 – Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M) (Revised)

The New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) is conducting audits of school districts to verify compliance with the new Federal regulations regarding procurement procedures for the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) School Nutrition Programs. Strauss Esmay worked with the first school district in the State audited under these new requirements and the NJDA to develop Policy Guide 8561 to ensure compliance with the USDA’s new regulations. Policy Guide 8561 was provided to school districts in Policy Alert 215 - April 2018 and revised in Policy Alert 216 - July 2018 with minor revisions made by the NJDA. Strauss Esmay was recently notified the “Federal Funds Procurement Method Selection Chart” in the Appendix was updated by the USDA in August 2018 and is provided with the updated revisions in this Policy Alert. Policy Guide 8561 has also been revised to include a note underneath the revised chart indicating the chart is subject to change, citing the applicable New Jersey Statute, and the location of the source document on the NJDA’s website. The updated chart necessitated the removal of language in sections A.2. and D.5. of the Policy Guide, both of which referred to specific bid threshold amounts. Furthermore, both sections A.2. and D.5. now only apply to Non-Public schools as per the Model Policy provided by the NJDA.

Please be advised the NJDA has requested general procurement questions be directed to Emma Davis-Kovacs at (609) 984-1438 or emma.davis-kovacs@ag.nj.gov. Questions specifically dealing with food service management company (FSMC) contracts should be directed to Nani Lepicard at (609) 984-0698 or nani.lepicard@ag.nj.gov

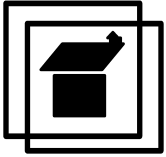
School districts participating in any USDA School Nutrition Program, either self-operated or with a FSMC, are required to adopt Policy Guide 8561 making Policy Guide 8561 mandated for those school districts. School districts not participating in a USDA School Nutrition Program are not required to adopt this Policy Guide.

Policy Guide 8561 is **MANDATED**

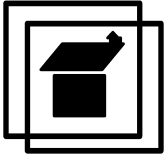
P 8860 – Memorials (Revised)

Policy Guide 8860 has been revised removing the provision permitting a school district to fly an American Flag at half-staff for reasons not authorized in the Flag Code - United States Code Title 4 Chapter 1 Section 7 “Position and Manner of Display.” The Flag Code states the American Flag should not be flown at half-staff unless directed to do so by the President of the United States for national mourning or Governor of a State for local mourning. However, there is no penalty for violating the Flag Code and local governmental entities routinely fly an American Flag at half-staff to recognize the loss of local individuals. Notwithstanding local practices, Policy Guide 8860 has been revised to align with the Flag Code. In addition, the third paragraph of the Policy Guide has been moved to the last paragraph. Policy Guide 8860 is suggested and is optional.

Policy Guide 8860 is **SUGGESTED**



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The Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Replaces the Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS)

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- P&R 8461 Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol, and
 Other Drug Offenses (M) (Revised)**

Pursuant to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) broadcast document titled “Student Safety Data System is Now Open” dated December 19, 2017, the Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS) and the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying – Investigations, Trainings and Programs system have been replaced by the NJDOE with the Student Safety Data System (SSDS). Strauss Esmay has replaced “EVVRS” with “SSDS” in each Policy and Regulation Guide that included EVVRS, both in long form and abbreviated form. For more information on procedural changes regarding this revision school districts should refer to the NJDOE guidance document and the Student Safety Data System web page on the NJDOE website.

Strauss Esmay also reviewed each of these Guides listed below for compliance with current statutes and administrative codes. There are additional revisions throughout these Policy and Regulation Guides to reflect changes in administrative code language and citations.

P 2415.06 – Unsafe School Choice Option (M) (Revised)

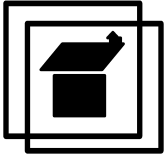
Policy Guide 2415.06 has been revised to update the New Jersey Department of Education’s change of the reporting system from “Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS)” to the current reporting system “Student Safety Data System (SSDS)”. Policy Guide 2415.06 is mandated.

Policy Guide 2415.06 is **MANDATED**

R 2460.8 – Special Education – Free and Appropriate Public Education (M) (Revised)

Regulation Guide 2460.8 has been revised to update the New Jersey Department of Education’s change of the reporting system from “Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS)” to the current reporting system “Student Safety Data System (SSDS)”. Regulation Guide 2460.8 is mandated and must be adopted by the Board.

Regulation Guide 2460.8 is **MANDATED**



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R 5530 – Substance Abuse (M) (Revised)

Regulation Guide 5530 has been revised to update the New Jersey Department of Education’s change of the reporting system from “Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS)” to the current reporting system “Student Safety Data System (SSDS)”. Regulation Guide 5530 is mandated and is now required to be adopted by the Board.

Regulation Guide 5530 is **MANDATED**

P 5600 – Student Discipline/Code of Conduct (M) (Revised)

R 5600 – Student Discipline/Code of Conduct (M) (Revised)

Policy Guide 5600 has been revised to update the New Jersey Department of Education’s change of the reporting system from “Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS)” to the current reporting system “Student Safety Data System (SSDS)”. Policy Guide 5600 has also been revised to include the language in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.1(d) which indicates a Board of Education may deny participation in certain extra-curricular activities for a violation of the Student Code of Conduct or Policy Guide 5600 and several administrative code citations were also revised. Several administrative code citations were updated in the Regulation Guide. Policy and Regulation Guides 5600 are mandated and must be adopted by the Board.

Policy Guide 5600 is **MANDATED**

Regulation Guide 5600 is **MANDATED**

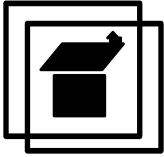
P 5611 – Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses (M) (Revised)

R 5611 – Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses (M) (Revised)

Policy Guide 5611 has been revised to update the New Jersey Department of Education’s change of the reporting system from “Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS)” to the current reporting system “Student Safety Data System (SSDS).” Policy Guide 5611 has also been revised to include the language in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.5(b)1 which indicates a Superintendent may modify the removal of a general education student on a case-by-case basis to align with Regulation Guide 5611. Regulation Guide 5611 - Section A has been revised as follows: the definition of “Removal” was removed as there is no definition of “Removal” in statute or administrative code; the definition of “Suspension” was removed as it is not used in the Policy or Regulation Guide; the definition of “Expulsion” was removed as there is no accurate definition of “Expulsion” in statute or administrative code; and some minor revisions were made to expand the definition of “School buildings and school grounds” to incorporate multiple definitions included in the administrative code. Policy and Regulation Guides 5611 are mandated and must be adopted by the Board.

Policy Guide 5611 is **MANDATED**

Regulation Guide 5611 is **MANDATED**



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P 5612 – Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees (M) (Revised)

R 5612 – Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees (M) (Revised)

Policy Guide 5612 has been revised to update the New Jersey Department of Education's change of the reporting system from "Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS)" to the current reporting system "Student Safety Data System (SSDS)." Regulation Guide 5612 - Section A has been revised to remove the definitions as follows: the definition of "Removal" was removed as there is no definition of "Removal" in statute or administrative code; the definition of "Suspension" was removed as it is not used in the Policy or Regulation Guide; the definition of "Expulsion" was removed as there is no accurate definition of "Expulsion" in statute or administrative code; and the definition of "School buildings and school grounds" was removed as it is not used in the Policy or Regulation Guide. Policy and Regulation Guides 5612 are mandated and must be adopted by the Board.

Policy Guide 5612 is **MANDATED**

Regulation Guide 5612 is **MANDATED**

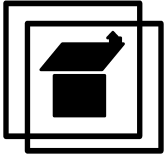
P 5613 – Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses (M) (Revised)

R 5613 – Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses (M) (Revised)

Policy Guide 5613 has been revised to update the New Jersey Department of Education's change of the reporting system from "Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS)" to the current reporting system "Student Safety Data System (SSDS)." Policy Guide 5613 has been revised to include the language in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.5(b)1 which indicates a Superintendent may modify the removal of a general education student on case-by-case basis to align with Regulation Guide 5613. Regulation Guide 5613 - Section A has been revised as follows: the definition of "Removal" was removed as there is no definition of "Removal" in statute or administrative code; the definition of "Suspension" was removed as it is not used in the Policy or Regulation Guide; the definition of "Expulsion" was removed as there is no accurate definition of "Expulsion" in statute or administrative code; and some minor revisions were made to expand the definition of "School buildings and school grounds" to incorporate multiple definitions included in the administrative code. Policy and Regulation Guides 5613 are mandated and must be adopted by the Board.

Policy Guide 5613 is **MANDATED**

Regulation Guide 5613 is **MANDATED**



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P 8461 – Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol, and Other Drug Offenses (M) (Revised)

R 8461 – Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol, and Other Drug Offenses (M) (Revised)

Policy and Regulation Guides 8461 have been revised to update the New Jersey Department of Education’s (NJDOE) change of the reporting system from “Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS)” to the current reporting system “Student Safety Data System (SSDS).” Policy Guide 8461 has been revised to include the requirement of N.J.S.A. 18A:40-44 regarding the school district distributing a NJDOE prepared pamphlet on how a parent can limit a child’s exposure to violence on television, cell phones, computers, and other electronic devices on an annual basis. In addition, the Guides have been revised to incorporate the HIB reporting requirement into the SSDS. The Regulation Guide has also been revised to remove the specific procedural hearing requirements for the Board to determine if reported information has been knowingly falsified by a school employee, as these details were removed from the administrative code. The Regulation Guide indicates there will be a Board hearing to make such a determination and does not restrict the Board by the procedural details that were previously in the administrative code. Policy and Regulation Guides 8461 are mandated.

Policy Guide 8461 is **MANDATED**

Regulation Guide 8461 is **MANDATED**

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