

STUDENT DISMISSAL

Individual students may be excused from school before the end of the school day by the Building Principal only when it is necessary to do so and only for purposes consonant with the best educational interests of the student. Request for students to be released early must be made in writing by the student's parent or legal guardian. No student may be released from school to anyone other than the parent, guardian or child protective services personnel and law enforcement officers pursuant to law, unless the individual's name seeking release of the student appears on a list provided by the parent or guardian on the early dismissal card.

A "school day" is defined as the period of time a student is expected to be in school, beginning with the commencement of the first assigned class period and ending at the conclusion of the last assigned class period. An "assigned class period" may be a subject class, homeroom period, or study hall as determined by the Building Principal.

No student in **the elementary schools [grades prekindergarten through 5]** shall be permitted to leave the school building before the close of the school day unless he or she is met at the school by a parent or legal guardian or a person authorized in writing by either to act in their behalf. A student may not be released to a person who has not been listed by a parent unless, in the opinion of the Principal, an emergency exists and the parents have assented to the release. A student with a medical disability which is or may be incapacitating shall not be released from school without an authorized person to accompany him or her.

Both parents of a student shall be deemed to have custodial rights for the purpose of release from school under this policy. If one parent has been awarded custody of a student, the student may not be released to the other parent if a court order or notarized agreement setting forth the custody arrangement has been submitted to the Building Principal for filing in the student's personnel folder.

When releasing a child to parent, legal guardian, or authorized person, the child shall be asked to identify the person, and other identification may be reviewed (i.e., driver's license, social security card, selective service card, or authorizing letter from parent or guardian where applicable).

Students in **the secondary schools [grades 6 through 12]** may be released prior to the close of the school day for doctor or dentist appointments or family emergencies with parental approval either in writing or by telephone call.

Students in grades 11 through 12 may be released during a scheduled lunch period without parental approval.

The Superintendent of Schools shall develop procedures which will ensure that prior to the opening of school each year parents are notified of their child's school day including, for students in grades 9 through 12 and ungraded secondary students, the time of the lunch period, and that such students may be released without parental approval during the lunch period.

The decision of the Superintendent of Schools concerning student dismissals shall be final.

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SUICIDE PREVENTION

Adolescent suicide is a major cause of death for teenagers. The Board of Education shall attempt to address the problem through intervention, prevention and education.

It is understood that all district employees do not have expertise either in the general area of mental health care nor the specific area of adolescent suicide. However, [some school] appropriate personnel and staff shall receive training to assist them to recognize clues and give help once suicide appears as a possibility for a student known to them. **[The Superintendent of Schools is responsible for planning and implementing personnel in-service programs which address the problem of adolescent suicide. The programs may be planned in cooperation with the state or community mental health agency.]**

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STUDENT SAFETY

The Board of Education recognizes the district's responsibility for ensuring the safety of all students in school buildings or on school grounds and/or participating in school activities.

[The safety of all students shall be the responsibility of all staff members.] In the event that a student becomes ill or is injured, he/she shall be referred to a school nurse who functions under the guidance of the school doctor. In the event of an accident, first aid may be administered. If the student's illness or injury [disability] is such that the student must leave the school, the parent or guardian shall be notified by the nurse and asked to provide transportation for the child. If medical attention is necessary, the family physician or, if he/she is not available, the school physician may be called by the nurse. **If immediate medical attention is required, a call to 911 will be made.**

The safety of all students shall be the responsibility of all staff members and [The safety of students] will be assured through close supervision of students on school premises, on school buses, and/or participating in school activities. **[Special attention shall be given to the following:]**

The District shall maintain[ing] a safe school environment through periodic inspection of the physical condition of all buildings and grounds (such inspections will be under the supervision of the Building Principal).

The District shall promote [observing] safe practices on the part of school personnel and students, particularly in those areas of instruction or extracurricular activities which offer special hazards. Section 409-a of the Education Law and the relevant sections of the Commissioner's Regulations regarding the wearing of eye safety devices in shops and laboratories, etc., will be strictly observed.

The District shall offer[ing] safety education to students, as appropriate, in subjects such as laboratory courses in science, shop courses, and health and physical education.

The administrative staff will take reasonable measures to prevent accidents on school premises. Should an accident occur, the Building Principal shall be immediately notified. The Building Principal shall be responsible for completing an accident report and filing it [notifying the school nurse of all accidents for every accident, an accident report be completed and filed] with the school nurse, central administration, and the business office.

In addition, school personnel and students shall notify the Building Principal or other building administrator if they observe suspicious strangers loitering in or near the school. The Building Principal shall notify law enforcement agencies and then the Superintendent of Schools if the circumstances

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Cross-ref: 5300, District Code of Conduct
8120, Accident Prevention and Safety Procedures
8130, School Safety Plans and Teams

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8 NYCRR §§107.1; 141.10

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