

# POLICY

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**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 in grades Kindergarten through Grade 5.

Any parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a pupil attending a district-operated school in grades Kindergarten through Grade 5, may request the school not release the pupil to walk home after dismissal unless the pupil is released to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or escort(s) designated by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s). The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may designate up to 3 escorts. The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) requesting their child(ren) only be released to a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or parent(s) or legal guardian(s)-designated escort after dismissal must submit a completed request form to the Principal.

The Form shall be made available:

To parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in the beginning of the school year.

Upon request to the Principal.

In the main office of the school building.

In order for the school administration to effectively implement the requirements of this Policy and to ensure the safety and security of pupils that will be released to a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated escort, the parental request shall be applicable for every school day and shall apply for a duration period of one entire school year. The form must be re-submitted at the end of the duration period. In addition, a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may rescind their request by submitting a written request to the Principal indicating the date in which the parent(s) or legal



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guardian(s) no longer requests the school provide supervision of their child(ren) after school dismissal. The child(ren) will be dismissed in accordance with typical dismissal protocol effective the date indicated in the rescinding request.

The Principal, upon receiving the supervision request form, shall notify the appropriate school staff member(s) who has supervision of the pupil at dismissal time at the end of the school day of the parent's or legal guardian's request. The supervising staff member that receives such notice shall retain supervision of the pupil when other pupils are dismissed from school at the end of the school day.

In the event the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated escort does not arrive to pick up their child(ren) after the dismissal time of school, the Principal will attempt to contact the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) using the district's emergency call procedures.

Pupil(s) who are not picked up in a timely fashion shall be supervised by school staff and will only be released when the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated escort arrives to pick up the pupil.

In order to ensure the safety of other pupils being dismissed from school in accordance with typical school dismissal protocol, to limit interaction of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated escorts with other pupils within the building, and to avoid traffic and vehicular safety problems outside the school building, the Principal may prohibit the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated escort from entering the school building

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, the pupil will be relocated to the main office in the school building and will remain in the main office supervised by the main office staff until the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated escort arrives and signs the pupil out of school. If this extends beyond 4:00 pm, the Administration will contact the proper authorities.

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.

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