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9320 COOPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

The Board of Education acknowledges that the law compelling school attendance vests in the Board a custodial responsibility for the children in its charge and a duty to protect those children from persons not associated with the school district.

The Board further recognizes that its interest in helping children understand and respect the law is best served by a close and cooperative relationship with local law enforcement agencies and directs the Superintendent to ~~institute a program of such communication and cooperation.~~ **The Board adopts Policy and Regulation 9320 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.1 et seq. to ensure cooperation between school staff and law enforcement officials in all matters relating to the unlawful possession, distribution and disposition of controlled dangerous substances, as defined in N.J.S.A. 24:21-2, including anabolic steroids, drug paraphernalia, alcoholic beverages and/or firearms as defined in subsection f. of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1.(f); and other deadly weapons as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1.(r) and in the planning and conduct of law enforcement activities and operations occurring on school property, including arrest procedures and undercover school operations. The Board directs the Superintendent to institute a program of such communication and cooperation.**

~~It shall be the policy of the Board that no pupil duly enrolled in the schools of this district shall be interrogated or arrested by an officer of a law enforcement agency on or in school premises except by order of warrant, by written parental consent, or where, in the judgment of the Principal of the school, circumstances create such an emergency or present such a danger to life or property as to justify such interrogation or arrest. No such interrogation or arrest shall take place except in the presence of the Principal or other school official.~~

~~The Superintendent shall develop regulations to implement this policy that protect the interests of pupils and serve the legitimate needs of law enforcement.~~

**Policy and Regulation 9320, as adopted by the Board, will be submitted for approval to the County Superintendent of Schools in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.2(a)2.**

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*Policy and Regulation 9320 have been developed and approved by the Board to protect the interests of pupils and serve the legitimate needs of law enforcement in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.1 et seq.*

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