

Policy

ADMINISTRATIVE LEEWAY IN ABSENCE OF BOARD POLICY

In cases where immediate action must be taken within the school system when the board has provided no guidelines for administrative action, the Superintendent shall have the power to act, but his/her decisions shall be subject to review by the board at its next regular meeting.

It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to inform the board promptly of such action and of the need for policy.

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Legal References: Use legal reference sheet.

Cross References: List your appropriate policies. See legal reference sheet for possibilities.

Key Words

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Legal References

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Other Reasons:

It is advisable to have a policy giving the chief school administrator discretion to act if necessary in situations for which there are no guidelines in policy.

Recommendation:

A policy providing for administrative action in unforeseen circumstances or incidents to avoid failure of board to fulfill its obligations to pupils or the community. Disasters, medical emergencies, etc., should be addressed specifically under appropriate policy numbers.

- Legal References:**
- N.J.S.A. 18A:11- 1 General mandatory powers and duties
 - N.J.S.A. 18A:17-20 Tenured and non-tenured superintendents; general powers and duties
 - N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of board (county vocational schools)

Possible

- Cross References:**
- *3516 Safety
 - 4135.16 Work stoppages/strikes
 - 4235.16 Work stoppages/strikes
 - *5131.6 Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)
 - *5141.1 Accidents
 - *5141.2 Illness
 - *6114 Emergencies and disaster preparedness
 - *9311 Formulation, adoption, amendment of policies
 - *9313 Formulation, adoption, amendment of administrative regulations

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.