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7432 EYE PROTECTION

The Board of Education requires each student, staff member, and school visitor, including individuals present for evening adult-school programs, to wear appropriate eye protective devices while participating in educational activities and programs as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.3. Appropriate eye protective devices must be worn by anyone engaged in a process or activity where exposure to which might have a tendency to cause damage to the eyes pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.5(a) and N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.1

The term “appropriate eye protective device” shall include plain or prescription lenses provided the lenses and other portions of the device meet or exceed the prescribed specifications for the device. Specifications for appropriate eye protection for various activities shall meet or exceed standards described in the American National Standard Practice for Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection, ANSI Z87.1-1989; American National Standard Practice for the Safe Use of Lasers, ANSI Z136.1-1986, and eye protective procedures recommended by the manufacturer of the laser device.

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for the continual monitoring of the school program, including, but not limited to, all vocational education, industrial arts education, science education, technology education and arts education, for conditions under which students, staff members, or visitors are exposed to a process or activity that might have a tendency to cause damage to the eyes.

The appropriate eye protective device shall be supplied by the Board, except that the student, staff member, or visitor, including individuals present for evening adult-school programs, may wear personal eye wear that is appropriate to the activity and certified, in writing, by a licensed optician or other qualified licensed eye professional to meet or exceed those standards. District-owned appropriate eye protective devices shall be inspected regularly by the appropriate staff member, and defective or poorly fitting devices shall be returned to the Principal for repair or discard. Any shared appropriate eye protective devices shall be disinfected between uses by the method prescribed by the school medical inspector.

Each classroom, shop, laboratory, and other area of the school in which students or staff members are exposed to caustic materials that can cause damage to the eyes shall be equipped with an emergency eye wash fountain in accordance with standards established by the New Jersey Department of Education.

The Building Principal or designee shall ensure that each area in the school identified as housing an activity hazardous to the eyes shall be posted with conspicuous signs that warn participants that an appropriate eye protective device must be worn during the activity. Staff members of such activities are responsible for instructing students in appropriate eye safety practices and for serving as exemplary models in the implementation of such practices.



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The Board authorizes each staff member responsible for an activity or process hazardous to the eyes to compile and maintain, for the duration of the course of study, a list of students in the course who wear contact lenses.

The school district shall provide annual training and appropriate supplies and equipment to all school personnel responsible for implementing the eye-safety policies and program. The training shall cover all aspects of eye protection in schools as described in N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.5(a) through (f).

N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.1; 18A:40-12.2
N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.3
N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.5



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A. Eye Protection N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.5(a)

The Board of Education requires each student, staff member, and school visitor, including individuals present for evening adult-school programs, to wear appropriate eye protective devices while participating in educational activities and programs as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.3 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.1 and N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.5.

B. Eye Protection Devices - N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.5(e)

1. The following types of eye protective devices shall be used to fit the designated activities or processes:

Potential eye hazard

Protective devices

Caustic or explosive

Goggle, flexible fitting materials, hooded ventilation; add plastic window face shield for severe exposure

Dust producing operations

Goggle, flexible fitting, hooded ventilation

Electric arc welding

Welding helmet in combination with spectacles with eye cup or semi- or flat-fold side shields

Oxy-acetylene welding

Welding goggle, eye cup type with tinted lenses; welding goggle, coverspec type with tinted lenses or tinted plate lens

Hot liquids and gases

Goggle, flexible fitting, hood ventilation; add plastic window face shield for severe exposure

Hot solids

Clear or tinted goggles or spectacles with side shields

Molten materials

Clear or tinted goggles and plastic or mesh window face shield

Heat treatment or tempering

Clear or tinted goggles or clear or



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	tinted spectacles with side shields
Potential eye hazard	Protective devices
Glare operations	Tinted goggles; tinted spectacles with side shields or welding goggles, eye cup or coverspec type with tinted lenses or tinted plate lens
Shaping solid materials	Clear goggles, flexible or rigid body; spectacles with side shields; add plastic window face shield for severe exposure
Laser device operation or experimentation	Appropriate for specific hazard
Vehicle repair or servicing	Clear goggles, flexible or rigid body; clear spectacles with side shields
Other potentially hazardous processes or activities	Appropriate for specific hazard

C. Eye Protective Policy and Program – N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.5(f)

1. The Board of Education establishes and implements Policy and Regulation 7432 to assure:
 - a. No staff member, student, or visitor shall be subjected to any hazardous environmental condition without appropriate eye protection;
 - b. The detection of eye hazardous conditions shall be continuous;
 - c. Eye protection devices shall be inspected regularly and adequately maintained;
 - d. Shared eye protective devices shall be disinfected between uses by a method prescribed by the local school medical inspector;
 - e. All eye protective devices shall meet or exceed the appropriate specifications for the various types of devices and suppliers of eye protective devices shall certify, in writing, that the devices meet or exceed said specifications;



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- f. Specific policy and procedures shall be established to deal with individuals who refuse to abide by established eye-safety practices and procedures;

A student who refuses or persistently neglects to wear an eye protective device when required to do so or fails to observe established eye safety practices shall be dismissed from the day's class by his/her teacher. Any such dismissal from class will be considered to be an absence, in accordance with Board policy on student attendance, and an accumulation of such absences may result in loss of course credit;

- g. The use of contact lenses shall be restricted in learning environments that entail exposure to chemical fumes, vapors, or splashes, intense heat, molten metals, or highly particulate atmospheres. When permitted, contact lenses shall be worn only in conjunction with appropriate eye protective devices, and the lens wearer shall be identified for appropriate emergency care in eye hazardous learning environments;
- h. All spectacle-type eye protective devices shall have side shields of the eye-cup, semi- or flat-fold type; and
- i. Students, staff members, or visitors wearing personal corrective eyewear shall be required to wear cover goggles or similar devices unless a competent authority can certify the personal eyewear meets or exceeds standards identified in N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.5(b).

D. Eye Wash Fountains - N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.5(d)

- 1. Emergency eye wash fountains, or similar devices capable of a minimum fifteen minutes continuous flow of eye-wash solution, shall be provided in classrooms, shops, laboratories, or other areas where students or instructors are exposed to caustic materials that can cause damage to the eyes in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.5(d).
- 2. Eye wash fountains shall be routinely checked by the responsible staff member and any fountain that does not operate properly shall be promptly reported to the Principal.

E. Inspection

- 1. The Principal shall annually inspect the school premises for the existence of conditions potentially hazardous to the eyes, for the placement of signs requiring appropriate eye protective devices, and for an adequate supply of appropriate eye



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protective devices in satisfactory condition. Conditions potentially hazardous to the eyes include, in addition to the activities listed in paragraph A1 above, the likelihood of flying objects and spilled liquids and the presence of protruding and sharp objects.

F. Training and Supplies - N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.5(g)

The school district shall provide annual training and appropriate supplies and equipment to all school personnel responsible for implementing the eye safety policies and program. The training shall include all aspects of eye protection as defined in Policy and Regulation 7432 and in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.5(g).