

POLICY

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MISSING CHILDREN

The Board of Education establishes and implements a program for the identification and reporting of children missing from the educational system.

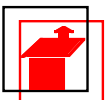
Used in this policy, "parent" means the parent or parents or guardian having legal custody and control of a minor child.

The Superintendent shall develop and implement procedures to identify children who have been withdrawn from this district without enrollment in another school or school district or pupils who have been willfully or neglectfully removed from school by protracted absences without good cause. Children so identified shall be reported promptly to the Bayonne Police Department. The Board authorizes the release of the child's name, age, gender, last known home address, and physical description and the parent's or legal guardian's name and work place, if known, to the Bayonne Police Department. Reasonable attempts shall be made to determine the cause of a child's unauthorized absence and to remediate the cause to the extent possible within the school setting.

The Superintendent shall develop and implement an early warning program to alert parents or legal guardians promptly to the absence of children who may be missing from school. The program shall require the notification of parents or legal guardians when children are unaccountably absent from school on any given school day. Parents or legal guardians shall be informed of the early warning program and shall be requested to participate by submitting an emergency notification card, notifying the school of a pupil's absence, and approving the release to the appropriate law enforcement agency of a pupil's name, address, telephone number, and physical description.

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