

# **POLICY**

## **Board of Education Bernards Township**

**File Code: M 5860  
SAFETY PATROL**

The Board of Education recognizes the value of a school safety patrol as a means of preventing accidents, instructing pupils in good habits, and providing opportunities for leadership training.

The Board authorizes the establishment of a school safety patrol of pupils at the discretion of building principals in grades 4 and 5.

All eligible pupils may apply for appointment to the safety patrol. No pupil may serve without the written consent of his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Selection among applicants will be made on the basis of the applicant's demonstrated sense of responsibility, good citizenship, leadership capacity, maturity, and academic proficiency. Members of the safety patrol must attend a training program before they may assume duties. Safety patrol members shall serve for one school year. A member may be removed from the safety patrol for violation of school rules or failure to maintain the high standard of conduct expected of school safety patrol members. Each building principal shall establish guidelines to ensure proper supervision of all safety patrol members.

Members of the school safety patrol may be assigned to control and direct pupil traffic on school grounds, on school buses, on sidewalks and paths adjacent to a street or roadway, and across streets and roadways. No school safety patrol member shall be permitted to direct or place himself or herself in the path of vehicular traffic.

All pupils shall be instructed to respect the authority of school safety patrol members in the performance of their duties.

No liability shall attach to the Board or any person holding office, position or employment under the Board, by virtue of the organization, maintenance or operation of a school safety patrol organized, maintained, and operated under authority of N.J.S.A. 18A:42-1.

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N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.2(a)3.

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