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R 7432 EYE PROTECTION PRACTICES

A. Eye Protection Devices - 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 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. ~~The following types of eye protective devices must be worn by all students, staff members, and visitors (including persons attending evening adult school programs) participating in the activity or process designated wherever it may occur on school premises:~~

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



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Potential Eye Hazard	Protective Devices
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 tinted spectacles with side shields
Glare operations	Tinted goggles; tinted spectacles with side shields or welding goggles, eye cup or coverspec coverage type with tinted lenses or tinted plate lens
Shaping solid materials	Clear goggles, flexible or rigid body; clear 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 Repair or servicing of vehicles	Clear goggles, flexible or rigid body; clear spectacles with side shields
Other potentially hazardous processes or activities	Appropriate for specific hazard



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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, In the event sanitizing cabinets are not available, proper disinfection of the eye protection wear protocols must be followed;**
- 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;**
- f. Specific policy and procedures shall be established to deal with individuals who refuse to abide by established eye-safety practices and procedures;**
 - (1) 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;**



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- (2) A staff member who refuses or persistently neglects to wear an eye protective device when required to do so or fails to observe established eye safety practices may be disciplined for insubordination for failing to obey the rules established by this Board. The proper implementation of eye protection practices shall be a criterion in the evaluation of every staff member required to observe such practices; and
 - (3) A visitor to the schools who refuses or persistently neglects to wear an eye protective device when required to do so or fails to observe established eye safety practices may be requested to leave the school premises;]
- 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;
 - (1) Science Teachers in these learning environments shall identify the students in his/her class who wear contact lenses. A list of such students shall be kept by the staff member in order that appropriate emergency eye care may be given; the list shall be destroyed at the end of the course of study;]
- h. All spectacle-type eye protective devices shall have side shields of the eye-cup, semi- or flat-fold type; and



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- 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).**
- ~~2. The supplier of any eye protective device to this district shall certify in writing that the device meets or exceeds ANSI standards. All spectacle type eye protective devices shall have side shields of the eye cup, semi, or flat fold type.~~
- ~~3. Staff members shall regularly and frequently inspect the eye protective devices used in their classes and shall report to the Principal devices that are defective or poorly fitting. All eye protective devices shall be identified with the name(s) of the user(s) and shall be properly stored when not in use.~~
- ~~4. An eye protective device that is shared shall be disinfected between uses by a method prescribed by the local school medical inspector.~~
- ~~5. The use of contact lenses shall be restricted in learning environments which entail exposure to chemical fumes, vapors or splashes, intense heat, molten metals, or highly particulate atmospheres. Staff members in these learning environments shall identify the students in his/her class who wear contact lenses. A list of such students shall be kept by the staff member in order that appropriate emergency eye care may be given; the list shall be destroyed at the end of the course of study.~~

~~When permitted, contact lenses may be worn only in conjunction with appropriate eye protective devices. The contact lens wearer shall be identified for appropriate emergency eye care in hazardous learning environments.~~



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- ~~6. A student who wears prescription glasses shall be provided with an appropriate eye protective device that fits over his/her glasses. A student or staff member may wear his/her personal corrective eye wear in the course of an activity hazardous to the eyes provided that the eye wear has been certified in writing by a licensed optician to meet or exceed ANSI standards as defined in N.J.A.C. 6:29-1.7(b)1 and 2 for the appropriate eye protective device required.~~
- ~~7. The responsible staff member will provide each visitor to an area in which an activity hazardous to eyes is conducted with an appropriate eye protective device.~~

DB. 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).** ~~Eye wash fountains or similar devices, capable of a minimum of fifteen minutes of continuous flow of eye wash solution shall be provided in accordance with Policy No. 7432 and the standards of the State Department of Education and N.J.A.C. 6:29-1.7(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.

EC. Inspection Enforcement

- ~~1. Staff members shall not permit students to engage in an activity potentially hazardous to the eyes without appropriate eye protection and shall dismiss from the class period a student who refuses or persistently neglects to wear eye protection or to observe established eye protection practices. Any such dismissed student shall be reported absent for the class.~~



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- ~~2. Staff members shall report to the Building Principal a visitor who refuses or persistently neglects to wear eye protection or observe established eye protection practices.~~
3. The Principal **or designee** 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 protective devices in satisfactory condition. Conditions potentially hazardous to the eyes include, in addition to the activities listed in paragraph A.1. above, the likelihood of flying objects and spilled liquids and the presence of protruding and sharp objects.

FD. 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 **this Policy and Regulation 7432 and in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.5(g) regulation.**

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