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Teachers are entrusted with the care and supervision of children. That entrustment imposes upon teachers the responsibility for prudent conduct. All professional staff members of this district shall be governed by the following rules in order to protect the well-being of pupils and to avoid any assignment of liability to this Board of Education or to a staff member personally in the event a pupil is injured. The Superintendent shall prepare such regulations as may be required to enforce the following rules:

1. Each teaching staff member must maintain a standard of care for supervision, control, and protection of pupils commensurate with his or her assigned duties and responsibilities.
2. A teaching staff member should not voluntarily assume responsibility for duties he or she cannot reasonably perform. Such assumed responsibilities carry the same potential for liability as do assigned responsibilities.
3. A teaching staff member must provide proper instruction in safety wherever course guides so provide.
4. A teaching staff member must report immediately to the building principal any accident or safety hazard he or she detects.
5. A teaching staff member must not send pupils on personal errands.
6. A teaching staff member must not transport pupils in a personal vehicle without the approval of the building principal.
7. A teaching staff member must not require a pupil to perform tasks that may be detrimental to the pupil's health or well-being.
8. A teaching staff member must immediately report any instance of substance abuse, violence, vandalism, or suspected child abuse in accordance with Board policy.

N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.8 et seq.
N.J.S.A. 18A:25-2
N.J.S.A. 59:1-1 et seq.

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