

Board of Education High Point Regional

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EYE PROTECTION

The Board of Education directs the rigorous implementation and enforcement of eye safety practices for pupils, staff members, and visitors exposed to conditions potentially hazardous to the eyes in the instructional program of this district.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for the continual monitoring of the school program, including all vocational education, industrial arts education, science education, and arts education, for conditions under which pupils, staff members, or visitors are exposed to a process or activity that might have a tendency to cause damage to the eyes.

Each pupil, staff member, and visitor exposed to a condition identified as hazardous to the eyes must wear an eye protective device appropriate to the activity and certified to meet the standards established by the State Board of Education. The eye protective device shall be supplied by the Board of Education, except that the pupil, staff member, or visitor may wear personal eyewear that is appropriate to the activity and certified by competent authority to meet those standards. District owned eye protective devices shall be inspected regularly by the teacher, and defective or poorly fitting devices shall be returned to the principal for repair or discard.

Shared eye protective devices shall be disinfected between uses by placing goggles in the ultra violet light sanitizing cabinets.

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

The building principal shall insure 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. Teachers of such activities are responsible for

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instructing pupils in appropriate eye safety practices and for serving as exemplary models in the implementation of such practices.

The Board authorizes each teacher 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 pupils in the course who wear contact lenses.

A pupil 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 or her teacher. Any such dismissal from class will be considered to be an absence, in accordance with Board policy on pupil attendance, and an accumulation of such absences may result in loss of course credit.

A teacher 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 teacher required to observe such practices.

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.

The Superintendent shall promulgate regulations to implement this policy that conform to rules of the State Board of Education and shall provide in-service training to teachers whose instructional duties include activities hazardous to the eyes. The Superintendent shall report annually to the Board on the implementation of the eye protection program and the eye injuries, if any, occurring in the course of the instructional program.

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