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## 1648 RESTART AND RECOVERY PLAN

~~On June 26, 2020, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) published "The Road Back — Restart and Recovery Plan for Education" (Guidance), a guidance document for reopening New Jersey schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Guidance provided school officials with the information necessary to ensure that schools reopen safely and are prepared to accommodate staff and students' unique needs during these unprecedented times. The NJDOE required school districts in the State to develop, in collaboration with community stakeholders, a "Restart and Recovery Plan" (Plan) to reopen schools that best fits the district's local needs.~~

~~The Guidance requires the Board of Education to adopt certain policies and the Board adopts Policy 1648 to address those policy requirements in the Guidance. Policy 1648 shall only be effective through the current COVID-19 pandemic and will take precedence over any existing Policy on the same or similar subject, unless determined otherwise by the Superintendent.~~

~~A. — NJDOE Guidance Key Subject Area 1 — Conditions for Learning~~

~~1. — Transportation~~

~~a. — If the school district is providing transportation services on a district-owned school bus, but is unable to maintain social distancing, a face covering must be worn by all students upon entering the school bus unless doing so would inhibit the student's health. It is necessary to acknowledge that enforcing the use of face coverings may be impractical for young children or individuals with disabilities. by all students who are able to do so in accordance with A.2.e. below. Exceptions to the face covering requirements shall be those outlined in A.2.d. below:~~

~~(1) — Accommodations for students who are unable to wear a face covering should be addressed according to that student's particular need and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.~~



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## 1648.02 REMOTE LEARNING OPTIONS FOR FAMILIES

On July 24, 2020, the New Jersey Governor and the Commissioner of Education published a supplemental guidance document titled “Clarifying Expectations Regarding Fulltime Remote Learning Options for Families 2020-2021” as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This supplemental guidance includes an additional “anticipated minimum standard,” as this phrase is used throughout “The Road Back: Restart and Recovery Plan for Education” (NJDOE Guidance). This additional “anticipated minimum standard” provides that, in addition to the methods and considerations explicitly referenced in the NJDOE Guidance for scheduling students for in-person, remote, or hybrid learning, families/guardians (hereinafter referred to as “parents”) may submit, and school districts shall accommodate, requests for full-time remote learning.

Requests for full-time remote learning may include any service or combination of services that would otherwise be delivered to students on an in-person schedule, which may be a hybrid schedule, such as instruction, behavioral and support services, special education, and related services. A parent may request some services be delivered entirely remotely, while other services follow the same schedule they otherwise would according to the provisions in the school district’s Restart and Recovery Plan (Plan) and Policy 1648.

A parent may contact the Principal or designee of the building the student would attend with any questions on: a request to transition from in-person services to full-time remote learning; a request to transition from full-time remote learning to in-person services; the procedures of this Policy; and/or any other information regarding the school district’s Plan and Policy 1648.

To ensure clarity and consistency in implementation of full-time remote learning, the Board of Education adopts this Policy that addresses the following:

A. — Unconditional Eligibility for Full-time Remote Learning

1. — All students are eligible for full-time remote learning.



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Restart and Recovery Plan—Full Time

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## 1648.03 RESTART AND RECOVERY PLAN—FULL TIME REMOTE INSTRUCTION

On June 26, 2020, the New Jersey Department of Education published “The Road Back—Restart and Recovery Plan for Education” (NJDOE Guidance), a guidance document for reopening New Jersey schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Guidance, including revisions, provided school officials with the information necessary to ensure that schools reopen safely and are prepared to accommodate staff and students’ unique needs during these unprecedented times. The NJDOE Guidance required school districts to develop, in collaboration with community stakeholders, a “Restart and Recovery Plan” (Plan) to reopen schools that best fit the district’s local needs.

The NJDOE Guidance requires the Board of Education to adopt certain policies and the Board previously adopted Policies 1648 and 1648.02 to address these policy requirements. Board policies related to Covid-19 shall only be effective through the current COVID-19 pandemic and will take precedence over any existing Policy on the same or similar subject, unless determined otherwise by the Superintendent.

On August 13, 2020, the Governor of New Jersey signed Executive Order 175 indicating public school districts shall resume partial or full time in person instruction during the fall of school year 2020-2021. However, Executive Order 175 also indicates public school districts that are or become unable to satisfy the health and safety requirements for in person instruction delineated in the NJDOE’s “Checklist for Re-Opening of School 2020-2021” and detailed in the “The Road Back—Restart and Recovery Plan for Education” Guidance, may provide full time remote instruction to all students pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9.

Public school districts that determine they cannot provide in person instruction must submit documentation to the Department of Education that identifies:

1. The school building(s) or grade level(s) within the district that will provide full time remote instruction;



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## 8810 RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

~~The Board of Education recognizes the acknowledgment of religious holidays in the public school may be a source of community concern. It is a goal of the district educational program to teach mutual understanding and brotherhood and respect for group differences. In pursuing this goal, the educational program may recognize that various religious groups celebrate different holidays with different practices.~~

~~In the acknowledgment or observance of any religious holiday, the Superintendent shall ensure the school and/or school officials do not mandate, organize, participate in an official capacity, endorse, persuade, compel, prevent or deny participation in constitutionally protected prayer or religion in violation of the governing principles of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Consistent with these principles, the Superintendent shall ensure:~~

- ~~1. No worship or religious service of any kind is sponsored by the school district and conducted during the school day, whether or not conducted by a clergyman;~~
- ~~2. Religious exhibits or displays include only materials that are a necessary or integral part of the curriculum;~~
- ~~3. Any religious music played is selected primarily for its artistic content; and~~
- ~~4. Any acknowledgment of a religious holiday neither advances nor inhibits any particular religious sect or religion consistent with the governing principles of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.~~

~~U.S. Const., First Amendment~~

~~N.J. Const., Art. 1, paragraph 4~~

~~United States Department of Education - Guidance on  
Constitutionally Protected Prayer in Public Elementary  
and Secondary Schools~~

~~N.J.S.A. 18A:36-16~~

~~N.J.A.C. 6:20-1.3(j)~~

~~Cross reference: Policy Guide No. 2270~~

~~Adopted:~~



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Children Displaced by Domestic Violence

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## 5114 CHILDREN DISPLACED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

~~The Board of Education will cooperate with the County Office of Education, as appropriate and feasible, in the education of children temporarily displaced by domestic violence. Any student attending the schools of this district, whether regularly enrolled in this or another district, who has been admitted to a shelter for victims of domestic violence will be permitted and encouraged to continue an appropriate educational program with minimal disruption.~~

~~The Board will cooperate with other educational institutions in the sharing of pertinent student records and in the establishment of sending receiving relationships on behalf of displaced children. The confidentiality of all matters concerning displaced children will be strictly observed, and no information regarding the present residence of the child will be released.~~

~~N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1 et seq.~~

Adopted:

