

MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

TITLE: RESPONSIBILITY OF STAFF
FOR STUDENT WELFARE

ADOPTED: October 14, 1991

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">440. RESPONSIBILITY OF STAFF FOR STUDENT WELFARE</p> <p>The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines whereby adequate consideration of student welfare is achieved.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall prepare and promulgate guidelines to ensure the maintenance of the following standards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Each teacher must maintain a standard of care and concern for supervision, control and protection of students commensurate with assigned duties and responsibilities.2. A teacher should not voluntarily assume responsibility for duties s/he cannot reasonably perform. Such voluntary assumption carries the same responsibilities as assigned duties.3. A teacher must provide proper instruction in the safety matters presented in assigned curriculum guides.4. Each employee has the responsibility to immediately report to the principal an accident or a safety hazard s/he detects.5. A teacher may not send students on any personal errands.6. A teacher may not transport students in a personal vehicle except where specifically permitted by Board policy. <p>Teachers and other professional employees are responsible for the safety of pupils in their charge within the building and on school property. Each teacher must be in the classroom or at any other assigned station at all times or must make sure that another teacher is temporarily in charge.</p>
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The following guidelines are provided to minimize the occurrence of situations in which staff members may incur liability for their acts with relation to students:

1. Never leave class unattended while pupils are in room.
2. Do not permit pupils to use equipment in the classroom which has not been approved for school use. (Some teachers or pupils bring personal equipment which may be dangerous.)
3. Do not permit use of machinery except for the instructional purpose for which it was provided.
4. Report promptly unsafe equipment or conditions to immediate supervisor.
5. Never permit equipment to be operated in an unsafe manner.
6. Organize classroom materials and equipment so as to minimize danger of injury to pupils and to self.
7. In general, exercise good judgment when assigning tasks to children to prevent bodily harm and damage to property.