

Board Policy JGF: Student Safety – Eye Protection

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The Board of Public Education for Bibb County ("Board") recognizes its responsibility regarding the safety of students, teachers, and visitors participating in or observing certain courses of instruction in schools and requires that such individuals wear appropriate eye protective devices in compliance with Georgia Department of Education Rule 160-4-3-.10 and as outlined in this policy. The Superintendent or designee is further authorized to develop and implement any regulations needed to comply with this policy.

1. ~~The~~ **Each** school shall provide appropriate industrial-quality eye protection to every student, teacher, or visitor and require the use of the same while participating in or observing vocational, industrial arts, chemical, physical, or any other course of instruction involving exposure to any of the following:

- a. Molten metal or other molten materials;
- b. Milling, sawing, turning, shaping, cutting, grinding, or stamping on any solid materials;
- c. Repairing or servicing any vehicles;
- d. Caustic or explosive materials;
- e. Injurious radiations or other hazards;
- f. Finishing materials and solvents;
- g. Heat treatment, tempering or kiln-firing of any metal or other materials; and
- h. Gas or electric arc welding or other forms of welding process.

2. ~~The~~ **Each** school shall keep eye protection equipment that is clean, in good repair, durable, capable of being disinfected and that meets the requirements specified in "Practice for Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection," American National Standards Institute, Z87.1-1968, as may be amended. Use of equipment with structural or optical defects shall be prohibited.

3. Persons whose vision requires the use of eye glasses shall be provided goggles that can be worn over corrective spectacles without disturbing the adjustment of the spectacles.

4. If lasers are used in classrooms and laboratories, the school shall register them with the Georgia Department of Human Resources and adhere to their Rules and Regulations for Laser Radiation (**Chapter 290-5-27**).
