

## **Legal Handbook for New Jersey School Administrators**

### **7<sup>th</sup> Edition**

This informative resource is a practical field manual for school administrators who sometimes need to think like attorneys and have the context for what certain decisions will mean. It can be used time and again to check legal protocol that helps to make informed decisions that protect everyone's rights.

School law is dynamic and complex. That's why our three NJASA attorneys have compiled decades of experience to create this guide, which gives the topline information on the most common legal topics affecting New Jersey schools. They've organized it in an easy-to-read PDF that can be viewed on a desktop or tablet, on or off campus.

To independently research this information would be time prohibitive. To call your school attorney blindly could become cost prohibitive. The Legal Handbook provides you with the first steps to take action, or prepares you to make the first call to an education attorney, when needed.

Here are some situations for which the handbook can help you prepare for "what to expect":

- Dress codes for staff
- Immunization requirements for public schools
- School ethics, conflicts of interest
- Special education
- Social media, first amendment, defamation and harassment
- Misuse of school computer for explicit sexual language
- Anti-bullying, hazing
- Use of cell phone in school
- Employee privacy rights
- Drug testing
- Parents' constitutional rights to direct the education of their children
- Educator evaluations
- Negotiations
- Student and teacher discipline
- Tenure

In addition to the handbook, the authors monitor current case law and members' legal questions to create NJASA's monthly legal publication supplements with timely information on pivotal cases affecting New Jersey public schools.