

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2026**

No. 6

Introduced by Council Members Krishnan, Louis, Brewer, Hanif, Gutiérrez, Schulman and Narcisse.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the distribution of materials on water safety in schools

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 21-A of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 40 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 40

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS ON WATER SAFETY

§ 21-1012 Distribution of materials on water safety. a. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

School. The term “school” means a school of the city school district of the city of New York.

Student. The term “student” means a pupil who is a student as defined in section 21-950, a child who is enrolled in an early education center with which the department contracts to provide pre-kindergarten, or a child who is enrolled in a free full-day early education program for 3-year-old children offered by the department.

b. Written materials. No later than August 1, 2026, the department of parks and recreation shall develop written materials containing information about water safety and drowning

prevention. Such department shall update the content of such materials each year to reflect changes in best practices for water safety and drowning prevention. Such materials shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- 1. Water safety practices, including drowning prevention techniques;*
- 2. Information on swimming lessons and other water safety programming offered by such department; and*
- 3. Any additional information deemed relevant by such department.*

c. Publication and distribution. 1. The department shall post the written materials developed pursuant to this section on its website.

2. The department of parks and recreation shall provide the department with the written materials developed pursuant to this section. The department shall distribute such materials to each school, to be shared with every student of each school, at the beginning and end of each academic year.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on December 4, 2025 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on January 5, 2026.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 6 of 2026, Council Int. No. 1059-A of 2024) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor, and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

SPENCER FISHER, Acting Corporation Counsel.