

JLC - STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

The Board shall provide a school nurse to function in the school health program. A school nurse shall be a registered professional nurse licensed in New Hampshire. The Board may employ a nursing assistant to work under the direct supervision of the school nurse. If the school nurse is not available to a school for any reason, at a minimum the other district school nurse, the school nursing assistant, or one other person who has a current first aid and cardiopulmonary certification (CPR) certification shall be available.

Responsibilities of the school nurse include, but are not limited to: providing direct health care to students and staff; providing leadership for the provision of health services; promoting a healthy school environment; promoting health; serving in a leadership role for health policies and programs; and serving as a liaison between school personnel, family, community, and health care providers. Additionally, the school nurse is responsible for developing procedures to address and meet special physical health needs of students. Such procedures may be developed and implemented on a case-by-case basis.

All injuries or illnesses occurring during the school day are to be reported to the school nurse or the building principal. Students attending school during the extended day, night, or summer school programs, or any other time when the school nurse is not in the building, are to report to the supervising adult. The school nurse, principal or designee will notify parents/guardians before a student who is injured or ill is permitted to go home. Students will not be allowed to leave school without first notifying either the school nurse or principal of his/her injury or illness. Additionally, parent/guardian notification and authorization is necessary before any student will be released from school due to injury or illness.

Emergency medical care will be provided pursuant to the guidelines of Board Policy EBBC and JLCE regarding first aid and emergency medical care.

Any pupil who is required to take prescribed medication during the school day will do so consistent with the provisions of Department of Education Rule 311.02. Clarification of these provisions are in Board Policy JLCD and JLCD-R on administering medication to students.

In addition to the provisions of this policy, the school nurse is responsible for the oversight of other school services, including but not limited to: assessing and responding to student health needs, maintaining accurate health records, screening for vision, hearing and BMI according to national recommendations, participating on 504 and IEP teams (if requested), health promotion, disease and injury prevention initiatives, student wellness, and other responsibilities and services as dictated by law or Board policy.

Statutory/Regulatory/Policy/Handbook Cross References

RSA 200:27 (School Health Services)
RSA 200:29 (School Nurse)
RSA 200:31 (School Health Personnel)
RSA 326-B (Nurse Practice Act)

NH Code of Administrative Rules ED 306.012(b) (School Health Services)
NH Code of Administrative Rules ED 311 (School Health Services)
Policy EBBC (Emergency Care and First Aid)
Policy JLCE (First Aid and Emergency Medical Care)
Policy JLCD and JLCD_R (Administering Medication to Students)
Handbook (Referenced in Handbooks)

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