

AMHERST, MONT VERNON, SOUHEGAN, and SAU39 POLICY

EBBC/JLCE - EMERGENCY CARE AND FIRST AID

Related policies: EBBB, JLC & JLCD

All School personnel have responsibilities in connection with injuries and emergencies occurring in school and at school-sponsored events, which may be classified as follows: (1) administering first aid; (2) summoning medical assistance; (3) notifying administration; (4) notifying parents; and (5) filing accident/injury reports.

School personnel must use reasonable judgment in handling injuries and emergencies. Caution should be exercised not to minimize or maximize any injury or illness. All personnel will understand the proper steps to be taken in the event of an injury or emergency.

The Superintendent will ensure that at least one other person on staff, aside from the school nurse, has current first aid and cardiopulmonary certification (CPR). If the school nurse or licensed practical nurse is not available, the person(s) who have current first aid and CPR certification is authorized to administer first aid and CPR as needed.

The school will obtain at the start of each school year emergency contact information of parents/ guardians for each student and staff member.

The school physician, school nurse, or specially trained staff members shall assist in the treatment of injuries or emergency situations. Such individuals have the authority to administer oxygen in case of a medical emergency, if available and if appropriate. This authorization extends to administering oxygen to students without prior notification to parents/guardians.

The school nurse or other designated personnel may administer other medications to students in emergency situations, provided such personnel has all training as is required by law. Such medication may also be administered in emergency situations if a student's medical action plan has been filed and updated with the school district to the extent required by law.

Consistent with state law, the school nurse may maintain a supply of asthma related rescue medication and the emergency medication epinephrine. The school physician, if any, the school nurse, or specially trained staff members may also administer epinephrine to any student in case of a medical emergency, if appropriate. This authorization extends to administering epinephrine without prior notification to parents/guardians. The school nurse or other designated personnel may administer or make available to self-administer a bronchodilator, spacer, or nebulizer to a student who has been diagnosed with asthma for use in emergency or other situations as determined by the school nurse.

The district will maintain all necessary records relative to the emergency administration of medication and will file all such reports as may be required under Board policy JLCD, or applicable laws or regulations.

Accident reports must be prepared and filed consistent with Board policy EBBB.

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The District makes it possible for parents/guardians to subscribe to student accident insurance at low rates. This program is offered each year during September. The District does not provide student accident insurance.

A parent or legal guardian of any child may authorize a school employee, or person employed on behalf of the school in cases where there is no school nurse immediately available, to administer glucagon to a child in case of an emergency, while at school or a school sponsored activity. Glucagon administration training may be provided by a licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, or registered nurse, however in no case shall school nurses be required to provide training. The school administration shall allow school employees to voluntarily assist with the emergency administration of glucagon when authorized by a parent or legal guardian. The law currently requires that the state board of education, in conjunction with the American Diabetes Association, and the New Hampshire chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics, shall develop standards and guidelines for the training and supervision of personnel, other than the school nurse, who provide emergency medical assistance to students under this section. Such personnel shall only be authorized to provide such assistance upon successful completion of glucagon administration training. The school nurse, or school employee in cases where there is no school nurse immediately available, may administer glucagon to a child in case of an emergency, while at school or a school sponsored activity in compliance with a diabetes management plan or physician's order, signed by the student's health care provider, that prescribes the care and assistance needed by the student including glucagon administration.

Records related to the emergency administration of any medication under this policy shall be made and maintained by the school nurse as provided in Board policy JLCD and District procedures JLCD-R. The school nurse will follow other first aid reporting protocols, as may be determined by other Board policy or administrative directive.

Naloxone/Narcan and Opioid Antagonists:

The Board authorizes the District to obtain, store and administer naloxone/Narcan and/or other opioid antagonists for emergency use in schools.

The school nurse or other properly trained staff member may administer such medication in emergency situations. Opioid antagonists will be available during the regularly scheduled school day. They may be available at other times at the discretion of the Superintendent.

The Superintendent is authorized to procure such medication on behalf of the District.

All such medication will be clearly marked and stored in a secure space in the school nurse's office or other appropriate location. The school nurse is responsible for storing the medication consistent with the manufacturer's instructions and Board policy JLCD and District procedures JLCD-R.

Local law enforcement and emergency medical service personnel will be notified if such medication is administered by the District.

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Legal References:

RSA 200:40, Emergency Care
RSA 200:40-a, Administration of Oxygen by School Nurse
RSA 200:40-b, Glucagon injections
RSA 200:44-a, Anaphylaxis Training Required
RSA 200:54, Supply of Bronchodilators, Spacers or Nebulizers
RSA 200:55, Administration of Bronchodilator, Space or Nebulizer
Ed 306.04(a)(21), Emergency Care For Students And School Personnel
Ed 306.12, School Health Services

Category: Priority/Required by Law

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