JLC - STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Category P
See also EBBC, JLCE

The Board may appoint a school nurse to function in the school health program and to provide school health services. A school nurse shall be a registered professional nurse licensed in New Hampshire. The Board may employ or contract with a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or a Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA) to work under the direct supervision of the school Registered Nurse (RN).

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 and staff. Such procedures may be developed and implemented on a case-by-case basis.

The school nurse is also 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 (Body Mass Index) according to national recommendations; participation in section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act and IEP (Individualized Education Plan) teams (if requested); health promotion, disease and injury prevention initiatives; student wellness; and other responsibilities and services as dictated by law or Board policy.

All injuries or illnesses occurring during the school day are to be reported to the school nurse or a building administrator by the student or a supervising adult; students who incur such injuries or illnesses will not be allowed to leave school until such notification. 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, who shall report the incident to the school nurse or a building administrator as soon as practicable. The school nurse, administrator or designee will notify parents/guardians before a student who is injured or ill is permitted to go home. 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/JLCE.

Any student 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 Appendix JLCD-R.

Legal 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, Section Ed 306.12(b), School Health Services
NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 311, School Health Services

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