

Student Health Services

The Board may hire 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 and certified by the New Hampshire Department of Education. 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). As provided by New Hampshire law, the school nurse is responsible for any delegation of health care tasks.

Responsibilities of the 21st century school nurse include, but are not limited to: providing direct health care to students; providing leadership, care coordination and qualitative improvement of school health services; promoting a healthy school environment and control/surveillance of infectious diseases; 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 the oversight of other school services, including but not limited to: assessing and responding to individual student health needs through Individual Healthcare Plans, maintaining accurate health records, participating on 504 and IEP teams (as needed or required), health promotion, disease and injury prevention initiatives, student wellness, and other responsibilities and services as dictated by law or Board policy. Finally, the school nurse will assist the administration in developing/updating forms necessary and appropriate for health-related issues (e.g., emergency, individual student health needs, administration of medication, etc.).

All injuries or illnesses occurring during the school day are to be reported to the school nurse or the building principal. The building principal will work with the school nurse to establish procedures for when the school nurse is not present; these procedures will be communicated annually, or if changed, to all necessary staff. 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 all injuries or illnesses to the supervising adult. The school nurse, principal or designee will notify parents/guardians/emergency contact before a student who is injured or ill is permitted to go home.

Emergency medical care will be provided pursuant to the guidelines of Ashland School Board Policy JLCE, Emergency Care - Students.

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 found in Ashland School Board Policy JLCD, Administering Medication During the School Day.

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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