

## STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

The Board of Education recognizes that good student health is vital to successful learning and realizes its responsibility, along with that of parents/guardians, to protect and foster a safe and healthful environment for the students. The district shall provide student health services as permitted or required by State statutes.

The school shall work closely with students' families to provide detection and preventive health services. In accordance with law, the school will provide vision, hearing, and scoliosis screening. Problems shall be referred to the parents/guardians, who shall be encouraged to have their family physician provide appropriate care.

Schools shall also provide emergency care for students in accidental or unexpected medical situations.

A permanent student health record shall be part of a student's cumulative school record and should follow the student from grade to grade and school to school along with his academic record. This record folder shall be maintained by the school nurse.

*Communicable Diseases*

It is the responsibility of the Board to provide all students with a safe and healthy school environment. To meet this responsibility, it is sometimes necessary to exclude students with contagious and infectious diseases, as defined in the Public Health Law, from attendance in school. Students will be excluded during periods of contagion.

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools, working through district health personnel, to enforce this policy and to contact the Rockland County Department of Health and immediately upon notification of an outbreak, even if only one student, of a communicable disease.

*Administering Medication to Students*

Neither the Board nor district staff members shall be responsible for the diagnosis or treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication to a student during school hours shall be permitted only when failure to take such medicine would jeopardize the health of the student, or the student would not be able to attend school if the medicine were not made available to him during school hours, or where it is done pursuant to law requiring accommodation to a student's special medical needs (e.g., Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973). "Medication" will include all medicines prescribed by a physician.

Before any medication may be administered to or by any student during school hours, the Board requires:

1. the written request of the parents/guardians, which shall give permission for such administration and relieve the Board and its employees of liability for administration of medication; and
2. the written order of the prescribing physician, which will include the purpose of the medication, the dosage, the time at which or the special circumstances under which medication shall be administered and the period for which medication is prescribed.

Both documents shall be kept on file in the office of the school nurse.

The Superintendent of Schools shall assure that appropriate regulations and procedures are developed to implement this policy. Those regulations shall include the provision of all health services required by law, procedures for the maintenance of health records, and procedures for the administering of medication to students.

Cross-ref: 4321 Programs for Students with Disabilities

Ref: Education Law §§901 et seq.  
Public Health Law §§680; 2164  
8 NYCRR Part 136

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