# Monadnock Regional School District & SAU #93

# **School Board Agenda**

July 15, 2025

**ZOOM** (7:00 PM)

Meeting ID: 841 2331 3370 Passcode: 699940 Phone: +1 646 931 3860

The public is encouraged to attend MRSD Board meetings.

Comments are welcome during the 'Public Comments' portions of the agenda.

"We collaborate not just to teach, but also to engage and educate every student in our district in an environment that is challenging, caring, and safe, while fostering lifelong learning."

- 1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER 7:00
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 minutes)
- 3. #celebrateMRSD
- 4. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION & DISCUSSION
  - a. Policies for 1st Read
    - i. JFABE: Education of Children in Foster Care
    - ii. JKA: Corporal Punishment
    - iii. JLCC: Head Lice/Pediculosis
    - iv. JLCC-R: Communicable Diseases Retire
    - v. JRA: Student Records and Access (FERPA)
    - vi. JRA-A: Student Records and Access Retire
    - vii. JIC: Student Conduct
    - viii. JLCK: Physical and Emotional Well-Being Students
    - ix. JLIA: Supervision of Students
    - x. IMAH: Daily Physical Activity
    - xi. EBB: School Safety
    - xii. EBCH: Chemical Safety and Chemical Hygiene Plan
  - b. Committee Report: Finance & Facilities
  - c. Board Goal Review
    - i. Fin/Fac: By October 1st, 2025 Update the CIP for MRMHS and the SAU campus
    - ii. CRC: By February 1st, 2026 To deliver at least two communications to the public regarding district happenings and budget/voting information
    - iii. Education: By October 1st, 2025 Assess the district's current ELO opportunities and recommend options to enhance ELO in the 2026/27 School Year
  - d. NHSBA Resolutions
- 5. MATTERS THAT REQUIRE BOARD ACTION
  - a. \* Annual Approval of Policies DFA & JLDBB
  - b. \* Annual Approval of the Independent Auditor
  - c. \* Annual Approval of Student Tuition Rate
  - d. \*Approval of 2025-26 School Nutrition Prices
  - e. \* Approve the Consent Agenda (June 17th Minutes, Manifest, Transfers)
- 6. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA
  - a. August 19, 2025
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 minutes)
- 8. NON-PUBLIC SESSIONS under RSA 91-A:3. II
  - a. RSA 91-A:3. II (b) Hiring & Compensation
  - b. Additional non-public sessions, TBD as required
- 9. ADJOURNMENT

#### SINGLE DISTRICT SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS

RSA 94-C:3 – Single District School Administrative Units; Exemption. Single district school administrative units shall be considered the same as a single school district and shall be exempt from meeting the requirements of this chapter, except that they shall provide superintendent services pursuant to RSA 194-C:4

#### NONPUBLIC SESSIONS

RSA 91-A:3- II. Only the following matters shall be considered or acted upon in nonpublic session:

- (a) **The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee** or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.
- (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.
- (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely adversely affect the **reputation** of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting.
- (d) Consideration of the **acquisition**, **sale**, **or lease of real or personal property** which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.
- (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled.
- (i) Consideration of matters relating to the **preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions**, including training to carry out such functions, developed by local or state safety officials that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life.
- (j) Consideration of confidential, commercial, or financial information that is exempt from public disclosure under RSA 91-A:5, IV in an adjudicative proceeding pursuant to RSA 541 or RSA 541-A.
- (k) Consideration by a school board of entering into a student or pupil tuition contract authorized by RSA 194 or RSA 195-A,
- (l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MRSD MEETINGS:**

7/15/2025	<b>Community Relations Committee</b>	6:00 pm	MRMHS Library
7/15/2025	MRSD/SAU 93 School Board Meeting	7:00 pm	MRMHS Library
7/22/2025	<b>Budget Committee</b>	7:00 pm	MRMHS Library
7/23/2025	<b>Education Committee</b>	6:00 pm	Wilcox Conference Center
8/14/2025	Finance & Facilities Committee	6:30 pm	SAU Conference Room
8/19/2025	<b>Community Relations Committee</b>	6:00 pm	MRMHS Library
8/19/2025	MRSD/SAU 93 School Board	7:00 pm	MRMHS Library
8/26/2025	Policy Committee	7:00 pm	SAU Conference Room
8/26/2025	<b>Budget Committee</b>	7:00 pm	MRMHS Library
8/27/2025	<b>Education Committee</b>	6:00 pm	Wilcox Conference Center

Meetings will be in person for all Board & Committee Members. The public is encouraged & welcome to attend either in person or through Zoom. Public comments are welcome in person during the 'Public Comments' portions of the agenda.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Please note: All Committee Meeting dates, times, and locations are posted in the SAU 93 Reception Lobby, on the MRSD website calendar, and in the schools and towns of MRSD. In the event of a snow day, the school board meeting will be rescheduled for the following school day.\*\*

# Policy Motions and Actions from June 10, 2025

JFABE: Education of Children in Foster Care

**MOTION:** To update policy JFABE with NHSBA sample policy.

Minor change only to internal reference to sample policy JAFBD

**JKA: Corporal Punishment** 

MOTION: To update policy JKA with NHSBA sample policy.

Recommended Policy

JLCC: Head Lice / Pediculosis

**MOTION:** To update policy JLCC with NHSBA sample policy.

 NHSBA revised JLCC as part of a health policy overhaul with assistance from the NH School Nurses Association. Revisions to JLCC generally reflect the most current advice and recommendations from the American Association of Pediatrics, and the National School Nurses Association relative to minimal health risk from lice/nits, and detrimental effects of exclusion.

**JLCC-R: Communicable Diseases** 

**MOTION:** To retire policy JLCC-R.

NHSBA does not have this appendix

# JRA: Student Records and Access (FERPA)

**MOTION:** To update policy JRA with NHSBA sample policy and Superintendent input on highlighted dates.

- May 2024 after update released, corrected second Section G to be Section H, changing the lettering of previous Sections H-J to Sections I-K. May 2024 - (1) Added the FERPA definition of "parent" (i.e., who has access to student records as a parent), which required relettering of what had been Sections E through I; (2) revised definitions in Section H.1 associated with the "school officials with a legitimate educational interest" exception to prior consent requirement; and (3) additional minor revisions as shown;
- This update to JRA includes several important modifications to reflect (1) a state requirement that Districts respond to parent requests for access to their student's records within fourteen (14) days; (2) to remove birth date/place of birth information from the list of "directory information"; and several other content changes to better reflect the requirements of FERPA and applicable regulations. We have also added "post-high school plans" to the list of items included as directory information.

JRA-A: Student Records and Access

**MOTION:** To retire policy JRA-A.

NHSBA does not have this appendix



Book J: Students

Section Series J

Title Education of Children in Foster Care

Code JFABE

Status Active

Adopted November 5, 2019

#### **EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE**

It is the Board's intent to remove barriers to the identification, enrollment and retention in school of children who are in foster care. All staff shall take reasonable steps to ensure that children in foster care are not segregated or stigmatized and that educational decisions are made in the best interests of those students.

# A. Definition.

Under guidance issued jointly by NHDOE and the N.H. Department of Health and Human Services, and for the purposes of this Policy, "foster care" shall mean "24 hour substitute care for children placed away from their parents or guardians for whom the child welfare agency has placement and care responsibility. This includes children in foster family homes, shelters, relative foster homes, group homes and residential facilities, regardless of whether the foster care facility is licensed or whether payments are made by the state." To the extent required under applicable law, a child in foster care under this policy also includes children whom an appropriate child welfare agency indicates are awaiting a foster care placement. (Note: children awaiting foster care may also qualify as homeless under policy {\*\*}JFABE.)

The District shall coordinate with other districts and with local child welfare agencies and other agencies or programs providing services to students in foster care as needed. The coordination requirements apply to both situations (i) when a student who is a resident of the District is placed in foster care in another district, or (ii) when a student residing in another district is placed foster care in a home within this District.

The Superintendent is responsible for providing any required assurances to applicable state and federal agencies that the District is complying with applicable requirements related to ensuring the educational stability of children in foster care; and for reasonably monitoring compliance with such assurances.

# B. <u>District Point of Contact with Child Welfare Agencies.</u>

The Superintendent shall designate a staff member to serve as the District's point of contact (the "Foster Care POC") between the New Hampshire Division of Children, Youth and Families ("DCYF"), NHDOE, other districts, and other child welfare agencies. The main duty of the Foster Care POC is to facilitate the prompt and appropriate placement, transfer, and enrollment of students in foster care, pursuant to

applicable state and federal statutes, regulations and guidance. Additionally, the Foster Care POC shall work with the Superintendent or designee to monitor regulations and guidance related to this policy that may be issued by applicable state and federal agencies (e.g., DCYF, NHDOE, and the U.S. Department of Education).

The District shall provide training opportunities and other technical assistance to the Foster Care POC and other appropriate district staff regarding the District's obligations to students in foster care.

# C. <u>Best Interest Enrollment Determinations, Disputes and Enrollment.</u>

Generally, a student in foster care will remain in his/her school of origin, unless there is a determination that it is not in the student's best interest. The Foster Care POC shall assist DCYF or any other child welfare agency to make a "best interest determination" education decision, particularly the determination of whether or not it is in the best interest of the student in foster care to remain in his/her school of origin or to enroll in a new school. Unless local procedures are established in accordance with state and federal law, the District will use the model procedures prepared jointly by the NHDOE and DCYF.

If the determination is that the best interests of a child is not to remain in the school of origin, and instead placed within a new school within this District, the child in foster care shall be immediately enrolled in the new school ("receiving school"), even if any documents or records otherwise required for enrollment are not immediately available.

If there are disputes regarding a determination regarding the best interest determination for a child in foster care, it is expected that DCYF and the separate school districts, both sending and receiving, will work collaboratively at the local level to resolve the issue. Should there be no resolution, RSA 193.12, V-b, requires the Department of Health and Human Services to request in writing that the two Superintendents involved resolve the dispute. If the residency dispute remains unresolved after 10 days after such request, the Department of Health and Human Services shall request that the Commissioner of the Department of Education determine the residence of the child for purposes of school enrollment.

If a school within the District is a receiving school, such receiving school shall accept the student's certified coursework as if it had been completed at the receiving school. To the extent such coursework is not aligned with the curriculum, the awarded credit may be elective, but it must be counted toward required credits for advancement or graduation.

# D. <u>Transportation</u>.

When the District is notified that a student in foster care needs, or may need, transportation to a District school, the Foster Care POC will take steps to establish an individualized plan that addresses transportation to maintain the student in his/her school of origin will be arranged, provided and funded for the duration of time that the student in foster care is attending his/her school of origin. In establishing such a plan, the Foster Care POC and other district staff shall follow any existing transportation procedures, systems-level plan or agreement that the District, acting in collaboration with DCYF and/or other departments of human services, has adopted or otherwise expressly agreed to implement for the cost-effective transportation of the student. Out of District transportation of children in foster care shall be provided in accordance with DCYF's or other child welfare agency's authority to use child welfare funding for school of origin transportation.

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# Legal References:

20 U.S.C. 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act – "FERPA")

20 U.S.C. 1701-1758 (Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974 – "EEOA")

20 U.S.C. 6311 (g)(1)(E) and 6312(c)(5) (provisions in ESSA regarding obligations to students in foster care)

42 U.S.C. 671 (a)(10) and 675 (1)(G) (child welfare agency requirements related to supporting normalcy for children in foster care and ensuring educational stability of children in foster care)

42 U.S.C. §11431 and §11432 (McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act – Education for Homeless Children and Youth)

Public Law 110-351, The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 34 C.F.R. 200.30 (f)(1)(iii) (ESSA's definition of "foster care")

Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982)

RSA 193:12, Legal Residence Required

"N.H. Guidance on ESSA and Foster Care to Ensure that the Educational Needs of Children and Youth in Foster Care are Being Addressed", January 2017, NHDOE and NHDHHS

Related Policies: EEA, JFA, JFAA, & JFABD

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Book J: Students

Section Series J

Title DRAFT Education of Children in Foster Care

Code JFABE

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NH Statutes Description

RSA 193:12 <u>Legal Residency Required</u>

Federal Regulations Description

45 CFR 1355.20 Definition of "foster care"

Federal Statutes Description

20 U.S.C. §1232g <u>Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)</u>

20 U.S.C. 1701-1758 Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974 – "EEOA"

20 U.S.C. 6311 (g)(1)(E)

Provisions in ESSA regarding obligations to students in foster care

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42 U.S.C. 11431 <u>McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act – Education for Homeless Children and Youth</u>

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Public Law 110-351 The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008

Federal CasesDescription457 U.S. 202 (1982)Plyler v. Doe

NH Dept. of Ed Technical Advisories or Guidance

**Description** 

N.H. Guidance on ESSA and Foster Care

"N.H. Guidance on ESSA and Foster Care to Ensure that the Educational Needs of Children and Youth in Foster Care are Being Addressed", January 2017, NHDOE and NHDHHS

## Cross References

Code	Description
EEA	Student Transportation Services
JFA	<u>Residency</u>
JFAA	Admission of Resident Students
JFABD	Admission of Homeless Children and Unaccompanied Youth
JFABD-R(1)	<u>Admission of Homeless Children and Unaccompanied Youth - Homeless Education Dispute</u> <u>Resolution Process</u>
JFABD-R(2)	<u>Admission of Homeless Children and Unaccompanied Youth - Homeless Education Dispute</u> <u>Resolutions Process</u>
JFABD-R(3)	<u>Admission of Homeless Children and Unaccompanied Youth - Homeless Education Dispute</u> <u>Resolution Process</u>

Last Modified by Kristen Noonan on June 10, 2025



Book J: Students

Section Series J

Title Corporal Punishment

Code JKA

Status Active

Adopted May 4, 1993

Last Revised November 20, 2007

#### CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

No teacher, administrator, student, or another person will subject a student to corporal punishment or condone the use of corporal punishment by any person under his or her supervision or control, except in self-defense or in exigent circumstances. Permission to administer corporal punishment will not be sought or accepted from any parent, guardian, or school official.

Physical restraint is authorized when needed to protect the safety of the individual student and/or other students and employees. Documentation of any incident requiring such restraint will be given to the Principal.

Corporal punishment means the intentional infliction of physical or emotional pain upon or the physical constraint of a student for disciplinary purposes. Corporal punishment includes paddling, slapping, hitting, punching, striking, shaking, screaming, name calling, or any other activity that could be harmful to a person's physical or psychological well-being.

#### **Policy References:**

RSA 627:6, II

Category - Recommended

Last Modified by Lillian Sutton on July 5, 2017



Book J: Students

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Title DRAFT Corporal Punishment

Code JKA

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Provisions for the use of physical restraint, medical restraint and/or mechanical restraint are established Board Policy JKAA.

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NH Statutes Description

RSA 627:6, II <u>Physical Force by Persons With Special Responsibilities</u>

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Book J: Students

Section Series J

Title Communicable Diseases

Code JLCC

Status Active

Adopted May 4, 1993

Last Revised December 19, 2017

Last Reviewed October 2, 2019

#### **COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

The following policy is adopted to carry out the provisions of New Hampshire Statutes RSA 200:32, RSA 200:38, and RSA 200:39.

Whenever the School Nurse has reason to suspect a student is suffering from a significant illness, the School Nurse shall contact the parent to arrange for follow-up by the family's physician and be excluded from school until they are symptom-free (based on an evaluation by the school nurse) or have a doctor's certificate to return to school.

Conjunctivitis: Students found by the School Nurse to have the characteristic 'pink eye' with whitish discharge shall be to have conjunctivitis by the School Nurse shall be immediately excluded from school until they have consulted a healthcare provider and have been approved for re-admission, with or without treatment.

#### **Pediculosis**

Screening. Based on recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Board recognizes that school-wide screening for nits alone is not an accurate way of predicting which children will become infested with head lice, and screening for live lice has not been proven to have a significant decrease on the incidence of head lice in a school community.

The school nurse will periodically provide information to families of all children on the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of head lice. Parents are encouraged to check their children's heads for lice if the child is symptomatic. The school nurse may check a student's head if the student is demonstrating symptoms.

Management on the Day of Diagnosis. The Board recognizes that head lice infestation poses little risk to others and does not result in additional health problems. The management of pediculosis should proceed so as to not disrupt the education process. Nonetheless, any staff member who suspects a student has head lice will report this to the school nurse or Principal. Students known to have head lice will remain in class provided the student is comfortable. If a student is not comfortable, he/she may report to the school nurse or principal's office. Such students will be discouraged from close direct head contact with others and from sharing personal items with other students. District employees will act to ensure that student confidentiality is maintained so the child is not embarrassed.

The Principal or school nurse will notify the parent/guardian by telephone or other available means if their child is found to have head lice. Verbal and written instructions for treatment will be given to the family of each identified student. Instructions will include recommendations for treatment that are consistent with New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services recommendations.

Based upon the school nurse's recommendation, other children who were most likely to have had direct head-to-head contact with the assessed child may be checked or screened for head lice.

<u>Criteria for Return to School</u>. Students will be allowed to return to school after proper treatment as recommended by the school nurse. Following treatment, the child must report to the nurse's office before returning to his/her regularly scheduled classes. All children approved to return to school after a treatment will be re-checked by the school nurse or designee as necessary to ensure the treatment was effective.

The Board recognizes that The American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of School Nurses discourage "no nit" policies. In alignment with these recommendations, no student will be excluded from attendance solely based on grounds that nits may be present. The school nurse may recheck a child's head. In addition, the school nurse may offer extra help or information to families of children who are repeatedly or chronically infested.

Dates of Revisions: 1/17/2012; 11/01/1999, 07/01/1998, 10/01/2001, 1/7/2012

Legal References:

RSA 200:32, Physical Examination of Pupils

RSA 200:38, Control and Prevention of Communicable Diseases: Duties of School Nurse

RSA 200:39, Exclusion from School

American Academy of Pediatrics, Clinical Report on Head Lice Infestation, September 2002 http://aappolicy.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/pediatrics;110/3/638

# **Policy Cross References:**

» JLCC-R - School Health Service

Last Modified by Scott Peters on October 2, 2019



Book J: Students

Section Series J

Title DRAFT Head Lice / Pediculosis

Code JLCC

Status Policy Committee Review

Adopted May 4, 1993

Last Revised December 19, 2017

Last Reviewed October 2, 2019

# **DRAFT**

## Head Lice / Pediculosis

**Pediculosis/Lice:** Screening. Based on recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Association of School Nurses, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Board recognizes that head lice or nit infestation poses little risk to others and does not result in additional health problems, and that students with nits and/or head lice or nits should not be excluded from school. The Board recognizes that school-wide screening for nits alone is not an accurate way of predicting which children will become infested with head lice, and screening for live lice has not been proven to have a significant decrease on the incidence of head lice in a school community.

Parents are encouraged to check their children's heads for lice if the child is symptomatic.

The school nurse will periodically provide information to families of all children on the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of head lice.

Management on the Day of Diagnosis. The management of pediculosis should proceed so as to not disrupt the education process. Nonetheless, any staff member who suspects a student has head lice will report this to the school nurse or in her/his absence the Principal.

The school nurse may check a student's head if the student is demonstrating symptoms. Students known to have head lice will remain in class provided the student is comfortable. If a student is not comfortable, he/she may report to the school nurse or principal's office. Students with demonstrating symptoms, or who are found to have lice will be discouraged from close direct head contact with others and from sharing personal items with other students.

Siblings of students found with lice may also be checked if there is suspicion that infestation may exist.

The school nurse or Principal/designee will notify the parent/guardian by telephone or other available means if their child is found to have head lice. Verbal and/or written instructions for treatment will be given to the family of each identified student. Instructions will include recommendations for treatment that are consistent with New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services recommendations. In addition, the school nurse may offer extra help or information to families of children who are repeatedly or chronically infested.

Criteria for Return to School. Once a student with "live lice" has left the school, he/she will not be allowed until after treatment with an anti-parasitic drug or other proper treatment as recommended by the school nurse has begun. The school nurse may recheck a child's head for live infestation.

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Legal

**Description** 

American Academy of Pediatrics

"Clinical Report on Head Lice", Pediatrics Vol. 135 No. 5, May 2015 PENDING LINK

 NH Statutes
 Description

 RSA 189:15
 Regulations

 RSA 200:32
 Physical Examination of Student

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 Exclusion from School

Cross References

Code Description

JLCG <u>Exclusion of Students Who Present a Hazard</u>

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	COMMUNICABLE DISEASE
As part of the School grades 4, 8, and 12.	ol Health Service program, a free Tuberculin screening will be offered to students in
Please fill out the fo	llowing form and indicate by checking yes or no if you wish your child to participate
You will be contacted	ed if your child has a Positive reaction.
Home	
Student's Name	
Teacher or Home Ro	00m
Date of last Tubercu	llin Test Reaction
Please list any imm	unizations your child has received in the past 30 days:
Permission Granted	Yes No
Parent's Signature_	
Date	

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

CHILD'S NAME	SC	CHOOL			
TEACHER	GRADE _	DATE			
DEAR PARENT: Your child (streptococcus) has been fou is important that your child this notice with you for his s	and that may lead to receive immediate to	rheumatic fev	ver or kidney infect	tion if it is not destroyed.	
Your child must have this si Nurse.	gned notice to be rea	admitted to sc	hool. Please return	1 this notice to the School	
Thank you.					
PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATUR	E			<u> </u>	
TREATMENT GIVEN					
DATE OF TREATMENT _				<u> </u>	

# **Policy Cross References:**

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Book J: Students

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Code JRA

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#### STUDENT RECORDS AND ACCESS - FERPA

**A. General Statement.** It is the policy of the School Board that all school district personnel will follow the procedures outlined herein as they pertain to the maintenance of student records. Furthermore, it is the policy of the School Board that all school district personnel will follow the provisions of the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) and its corresponding regulations.

**B. "Education Record".** For the purposes of this policy and in accordance with FERPA, the term "educational record" is defined as all records, files, documents and other material containing information directly related to a student; and maintained by the school district; or by such other agents as may be acting for the school district. Such records include, but are not limited to, completed forms, printed documents, handwriting, videotape, audiotape, electronic or computer files, film, print, microfilm and/or microfiche. Educational records do not include records of instructional, supervisory, and administrative personnel and educational personnel ancillary thereto which are in the sole possession of the maker thereof and which are not accessible or revealed to any other person except a substitute.

**C. "Directory Information"**. For the purposes of this policy, and in accordance with the provisions of FERPA and New Hampshire RSA 189:1-e, the term "directory information" means:

- 1. Students' name(s), address(es), telephone number(s), and date(s) of enrollment;
- 2. Parents'/guardians' name(s) and address(es);
- 3. Students grade levels, enrollment status and dates of attendance;
- 4. Student photographs;
- 5. Students participation in recognized school activities and sports;
- 6. Weight and height of members of athletic teams;
- 7. Post-high school plans; and
- 8. Students' diplomas, certificates, awards and honors received.

Except for elements of a student's directory information which the student's parents or an eligible student has notified the District not to disclose, the District may release or disclose student directory information

without prior consent of the student's parents/eligible students. Within the first three weeks of each school year, the District will provide notice to parents/eligible students of their rights under FERPA and that the District may publish directory information without their prior consent. Parents/eligible students will be given until, date to be determined after consultation with Superintendent, to notify the District in writing of any or all directory information items that they refuse to permit the District to release or disclose. Notice from a parent/eligible student that any or all directory information shall not be released will only be valid for that school year and must be re-issued each school year.

- **D.** "Personally Identifiable Information". "Personally identifiable information" is defined as data or information which makes the individual who is the subject of a record known, including a student's name; the student's or student's family's address; the name of the student's parent or other family members; a personal identifier such as a student's Social Security number; the student's date of birth, place of birth, or mother's maiden name. "Personally identifiable information" also includes other information that, alone or in combination, is linked or linkable to a specific student, that would allow a reasonable person in the school community, who does not have personal knowledge of the relevant circumstances, to identify the student with a reasonable certainty or other information requested by a person who the District reasonably believes knows the identity of the student to whom the education record relates.
- **E. Annual Notification/Rights of Parents and Eligible Students**. Within the first weeks of each school year, Superintendent to determine; the District will publish notice to parents and eligible students of their rights under State law, Federal law, and this policy. The District will send a notice listing these rights home with each student. The notice will include:
  - 1. The rights of parents or eligible students to inspect and review the student's education records;
  - 2. The intent of the District to limit the disclosure of information in a student's record, except: (a) by the prior written consent of the parent or eligible student; (b) as directory information; or (c) under certain, limited circumstance, as permitted by law;
  - 3. The right of a student's parents or an eligible student to seek to correct parts of the student's educational records which he/she believes to be inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of student rights; this includes a hearing to present evidence that the records should be changed if the District decides not to alter them according to the parent's or eligible student's request;
  - 4. The right of any person to file a complaint with the United States Department of Education if the District violates FERPA; and
  - 5. The procedure that a student's parents or an eligible student should follow to obtain copies of this policy.
- **F. Procedure To Inspect Education Records.** Parents or eligible students may inspect and review that student's education records. In some circumstances, it may be more convenient for the record custodian to provide copies of records. Since a student's records may be maintained in several locations, the school Principal may offer to collect copies of records or the records themselves from locations other than a student's school, so that they may be inspected at one site. If parents and eligible students wish to inspect records where they are maintained, school Principals will determine if a review at that site is reasonable. Although not specifically required, in order that a request is handled in a timely manner, parents/eligible students should consider submitting their request in writing to the school Principal, identifying as precisely as possible the record or records that he/she wishes to inspect. The Principal will contact the parents or the eligible student to discuss how access is best arranged for their inspection or review of the records (copies, records brought to a single site, etc.). The Principal will make the needed arrangements as soon as possible and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. This procedure must be completed within fourteen (14) days that the request for access is first made. Note: the

fourteen (14) day limit is required under New Hampshire RSA 189:66, IV, in contrast to the forty-five (45) day period otherwise allowed under FERPA. If for any valid reason such as the parent's working hours, the distance between record location sites or the parent or student's health, a parent or eligible student cannot personally inspect and review a student's education records, the Principal may arrange for the parent or eligible student to obtain copies of the records. When records contain information about students other than a parent's child or the eligible student, the parent or eligible student may not inspect and review the records of the other students. If such records do contain the names of other students, the Principal will seek consultation with the Superintendent and/or the District's attorney to determine how best to proceed. Where practicable, it may be necessary to prepare a copy of the record which has all personally identifiable information on other students redacted, with the parent or eligible student being allowed to review or receive only a copy of the redacted record. Both the original and redacted copy should be retained by the District.

- **G. Procedures To Seek To Correction of Education Records.** Parents of students or eligible students have a right to seek to change any part of the student's records which they believe is inaccurate, misleading or in violation of student rights. FERPA and its regulations use both "correct/ion" and "amend". For the purposes of this policy, the two words (in all of their respective forms) shall mean the same thing unless the context suggests otherwise. To establish an orderly process to review and correct (amend) the education records for a requester, following processes are established.
  - 1. First-level decision. When a parent or eligible student finds an item in the student's education records that he/she believes is inaccurate, misleading or in violation of student rights, he/she should submit a written request asking the building Principal to correct it. If the records are incorrect because of clear error and it is a simple matter to make the change, the Principal should make the correction. If the records are changed to the parent's/eligible student's satisfaction, both parties shall sign a document/form stating the date the records were changed and that the parent/eligible student is satisfied with the correction.

If the Principal believes that the record should not be changed, he/she shall:

- a. Provide the requester a copy of the questioned records at no cost;
- b. Ask the parent/eligible student to initiate a written appeal of the denial of the request for the change, which will be forwarded to the Superintendent;
- c. Forward the written appeal to the Superintendent; and
- d. Inform the parents/eligible student that the appeal has been forwarded to the Superintendent for a decision.
- **2. Second-level decision.** If the parent/eligible student wishes to challenge the Principal's decision to not change the student record, he/she may appeal the matter to the Superintendent. The parent/eligible student shall submit a written request to the Principal asking that the matter be appealed to the Superintendent. The Principal will forward the appeal to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent shall, within ten (10) business days after receiving the appeal:

- a. Review the request;
- b. Discuss the request with other school officials;
- c. Make a decision whether or not to make the requested correction to the educational record;
- d. Schedule a meeting with the parents/eligible student if the Superintendent believes such a meeting

would be necessary; and

e. Notify the parents/eligible student of the Superintendent's decision on their request to correct the student's educational record.

If the Superintendent determines the records should be corrected, he/she will make the change and notify the parents/eligible student in writing that the change has been made. The letter stating the change has been made will include an invitation for the parent/eligible student to inspect and review the records to verify that the records have been corrected and the correction is satisfactory. If the records are changed to the parent's/eligible student's satisfaction, both parties shall sign a document/form stating the date the records were changed and that the parent/eligible student is satisfied with the correction. If the Superintendent determines the records are will not be corrected, he/she will notify the parents/eligible student in writing of his/her decision. Such letter will also notify the parents/eligible student of their right to an appeal hearing before the School Board.

**3.** Third-level decision. If the parents or eligible student are not satisfied with the Superintendent's decision, they may submit a written request for a hearing before the School Board. The parents/eligible student shall submit the request for a hearing with the Superintendent within ten (10) business days of the date of the Superintendent's written decision in level-two. The Superintendent will inform the School Board of the request for a hearing and will work with the School Board to schedule a hearing within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the request. Once the meeting is scheduled, the Superintendent will inform the parents/eligible student in writing of the date, time and place of the hearing. The hearing will be held in non-public session consistent with the provisions of RSA 91-A:3, unless the parent/eligible student requests that the hearing be held in public session. The School Board will give the parent/eligible student a full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issues raised under their request. The parents/eligible students may be assisted or represented by one or more individuals of their own choice, including an attorney.

The School Board will issue its final decision in writing within thirty (30) days of the hearing, and will notify the parents/eligible student thereof via certified mail, return receipt requested. The School Board will base its decision solely on the evidence presented at the hearing. The School Board's written decision will include a summary of the evidence and the reasons for its decision. If the School Board determines that the student record should be corrected, it will direct the Superintendent to do so as soon as possible. The Superintendent will then contact the parents/eligible student for a meeting so they can review and inspect the records to verify that they have been corrected. At this meeting, both parties shall sign a document/form stating the date the records were corrected and that the parent/eligible student is satisfied with the correction. The School Board's decision will be final.

- **4. Parent/Eligible Student Explanation to be Included in Record.** Notwithstanding the resolution of any request to correct a student's record(s), in accordance with section (a)(2) of FERPA, a parent or eligible student may insert into that student's educational record a written explanation respecting the content of the record.
- **H. Disclosure of Student Records and Student Information.** In addition to directory information, the District may disclose student records and student information without consent to the following parties on the condition that the recipient agrees not to permit any other party to have access to the released information without the written consent of the parents of the student, and under the conditions specified.
  - 1. School officials with a legitimate educational interest. School officials with a legitimate educational interest may access student records. "Legitimate education interest" refers to school officials or employees who need to know information in a student's education record in order to

perform the employee's employment responsibilities and duties.

- 2. Other schools into which a student is transferring or enrolling, upon condition that the student's parents be notified of the transfer, receive a copy of the record if desired, and have an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the content of the record. This exception continues after the date that a student has transferred
- 3. Officials for audit or evaluation purposes.
- 4. Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid.
- 5. Organizations conducting certain studies for, or on behalf of the School District. Student records or student information will only be provided pursuant to this paragraph if the study is for the purpose of: developing, validating or administering predictive tests; administering student aid programs; or improving instruction. The recipient organization must agree to limit access to the information and to destroy the information when no longer needed for the purpose for which it is released.
- 6. Accrediting organizations.
- 7. Judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, upon condition that parents and the student are notified of all such orders or subpoenas in advance of compliance therewith by the District, except when a parent is a party to a court proceeding involving child abuse or neglect or dependency. The Principal shall consult with the Superintendent and legal counsel as needed to ensure compliance with the judicial order and applicable law.
- 8. Health and safety emergencies.
- **I. Maintenance of Student Records and Data.** The Principal of each building is responsible for record maintenance, access and destruction of all student records. All school district personnel having access to records shall place great emphasis upon the privacy rights of students and parents. All entries into student records must be dated and signed by the person access such records. The principal will ensure that all records are maintained in accordance with applicable retention schedules as may be established by law.
- **J. Disclosures Made From Education Records**. The District will maintain an accurate record of all requests for it to disclose information from, or to permit access to, a student's education records and of the information it discloses and persons to whom it permits access, with some exceptions listed below. This record is kept with, but is not a part of, each student's cumulative school records. It is available only to the record custodian, the eligible student, the parent(s) of the student or to federal, state or local officials for the purpose of auditing or enforcing federally supported educational programs. The record includes:
  - 1. The name of the person who or agency which made the request;
  - 2. The interest which the person or agency has in the information;
  - 3. The date on which the person or agency made the request;
  - 4. Whether the request was granted and, if it was, the date access was permitted or the disclosure was made; and
  - 5. In the event of a health and safety emergency, the articulable and significant threat to the health or safety of a student or other individuals that formed the basis for the disclosure; and the parties to whom the agency or institution disclosed the information.

The District will maintain this record as long as it maintains the student's education record. The records do not include requests for access or information relative to access which has been granted to parent(s) of the student or to an eligible student; requests for access or access granted to officials of the District who have a legitimate educational interest in the student; requests for, or disclosures of, information contained in the student's education records if the request is accompanied by the prior written consent of a parent/eligible student or if the disclosure is authorized by such prior consent or for requests for, or disclosures of,

directory information designated for that student. The records of a request for the correction of an educational record, including any appeal of a denial of that request, if the educational record is ultimately corrected shall not be treated as part of the educational record of the student and shall be preserved separately.

# Legal References:

RSA 91-A:5,III, Exemptions, Pupil Records

RSA 189:1-e, Directory Information

RSA 189:66, IV, Data Inventory and Policies Publication

20 U.S.C. §1232g, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

34 C.F.R. Part 99, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Regulations

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# DRAFT

#### STUDENT RECORDS AND ACCESS - FERPA

- A. <u>General Statement</u>. It is the policy of the School Board that all school district personnel will follow the procedures outlined herein as they pertain to the maintenance of student records. Furthermore, it is the policy of the School Board that all school district personnel will follow the provisions of the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) and its corresponding regulations.
- B. "Education Record". For the purposes of this policy and in accordance with FERPA, the term "educational record" is defined as all records, files, documents and other material containing information directly related to a student; and maintained by the school district; or by such other agents as may be acting for the school district. Such records include, but are not limited to, completed forms, printed documents, handwriting, videotape, audiotape, electronic or computer files, film, print, microfilm and/or microfiche. Educational records do not include records of instructional, supervisory, and administrative personnel and educational personnel ancillary thereto which are in the sole possession of the maker thereof and which are not accessible or revealed to any other person except a substitute.
- C. <u>"Directory Information"</u>. For the purposes of this policy, and in accordance with the provisions of FERPA and New Hampshire RSA 189:1-e, the term "directory information" means:
  - 1. Student name(s), address(es), telephone number(s), and date(s) of enrollment;
  - Parent/guardian name(s) and address(es);
  - 3. Student grade level, enrollment status and dates of attendance;
  - 4. Student photograph(s);
  - Student participation in recognized school activities and sports;
  - 6. Athletic team member weight and height;
  - 7. Post-high school plans; and
  - 8. Student diploma(s), certificate(s), award(s), or honor(s) received.

Except for elements of a student's directory information which the student's parent or an eligible student has notified the District not to disclose, the District may release or disclose student directory information without prior consent of the student's parent/eligible student. Within the first three weeks of each school year, the District will provide notice to parents/eligible students of their rights under FERPA and that the District may publish directory information without their prior consent. Parents/eligible students will be given until <a href="mailto:rectain.org">rectain.org</a> date to be determined after consultation with Superintendent to notify the District in writing of any or all directory information items that they refuse to permit the District to release or disclose. Notice from a parent/eligible student that any or all directory information shall not be released will only be valid for that school year and must be re-issued each school year.

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- E. <u>FERPA Definition of "Parent"</u>. For the purposes of this policy, the term parent shall mean and include a natural. parent, a guardian, or an individual acting as a parent in the absence of a parent or guardian, and all of their plural or singular forms.
- F. <u>Annual Notification/Rights of Parents and Eligible Students</u>. Within the first [\_\_\_weeks of each school year (Superintendent to determine; NHSBA recommends three or four)], the District will publish notice to parents and eligible students of their rights under State law, Federal law, and this policy. The District will send a notice listing these rights home with each student. The notice will include:
  - 1. The rights of parents or eligible students to inspect and review the student's education records;
  - 2. The intent of the District to limit the disclosure of information in a student's record, except: (a) by the prior written consent of the parent or eligible student; (b) as directory information; or (c) under certain, limited circumstances, as permitted by law;
  - 3. The right of a student's parents or an eligible student to seek to correct parts of the student's educational records which he/she believes to be inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of student rights; this includes a hearing to present evidence that the records should be changed if the District decides not to alter them according to the parent's or eligible student's request;
  - 4. The right of any person to file a complaint with the United States Department of Education if the District violates FERPA; and
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- G. <u>Procedure To Inspect Education Records</u>. Parents or eligible students may inspect and review that student's education records. In some circumstances, it may be more convenient for the record custodian to provide copies of records.

Since a student's records may be maintained in several locations, the school Principal may offer to collect copies of records or the records themselves from locations other than a student's school, so that they may be inspected at one site. If parents and eligible students wish to inspect records where they are maintained, school Principals will determine if a review at that site is reasonable.

Although not specifically required, in order that a request is handled in a timely manner, parents/eligible students should consider submitting their request in writing to the school Principal, identifying as precisely as possible the record or records that he/she wishes to inspect. The Principal will contact the parents or the eligible student to discuss how access is best arranged for their inspection or review of the records (copies, records brought to a single site, etc.).

The Principal will make the needed arrangements as soon as possible and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. This procedure must be completed within fourteen (14) days of when the request for access is first made. Note: the fourteen (14) day limit is required under New Hampshire RSA 189:66, IV, in contrast to the forty-five (45) day period otherwise allowed under FERPA.

If for any valid reason such as the parent's working hours, distance between record location sites or the parent or student's health, a parent or eligible student cannot personally inspect and review a student's education records, the Principal may arrange for the parent or eligible student to obtain copies of the records.

When records contain information about students other than a parent's child or the eligible student, the parent or eligible student may not inspect and review the records of the other students. If such records do contain the names of other students, the Principal will seek consultation with the Superintendent and/or the District's attorney to determine how best to proceed. Where practicable, it may be necessary to prepare a copy of the record which has all personally identifiable information on other students redacted, with the parent or eligible student being allowed to review or receive only a copy of the redacted record. Both the original and redacted copy should be retained by the District.

- H. Procedures To Seek To Correction of Education Records. Parents of students or eligible students have a right to seek to change any part of the student's records which they believe is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of student rights. FERPA and its regulations use both "correct/ion" and "amend." For the purposes of this policy, the two words (in all of their respective forms) shall mean the same thing unless the context suggests otherwise. To establish an orderly process to review and correct (amend) the education records for a requester, the following processes are established.
  - 1. <u>First-level decision</u>. When a parent or eligible student finds an item in the student's education records that he/she believes is inaccurate, misleading or in violation of student rights, he/she should submit a written request asking the building Principal to correct it. If the records are incorrect because of clear error and it is a simple matter to make the change, the Principal should make the correction. If the records are changed to the parent's/eligible student's satisfaction, both parties shall sign a document/form stating the date the records were changed and that the parent/eligible student is satisfied with the correction.

If the Principal believes that the record should not be changed, he/she shall:

- a. Provide the requester with a copy of the questioned records at no cost;
- Ask the parent/eligible student to initiate a written appeal of the denial of the request for the change, which will be forwarded to the Superintendent;
- c. Forward the written appeal to the Superintendent; and
- d. Inform the parents/eligible student that the appeal has been forwarded to the Superintendent for a decision.
- 2. <u>Second-level decision</u>. If the parent/eligible student wishes to challenge the Principal's decision to not change the student record, he/she may appeal the matter to the Superintendent. The parent/eligible student shall submit a written request to the Principal asking that the matter be appealed to the Superintendent. The Principal will forward the appeal to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent shall, within ten (10) business days after receiving the appeal:

- a. Review the request;
- Discuss the request with other school officials;
- c. Make a decision whether or not to make the requested correction to the educational record;
- d. Schedule a meeting with the parents/eligible student if the Superintendent believes such a meeting would be necessary; and

e. Notify the parents/eligible student of the Superintendent's decision on their request to correct the student's educational record.

If the Superintendent determines the records should be corrected, he/she will make the change and notify the parents/eligible student in writing that the change has been made. The letter stating the change has been made will include an invitation for the parent/eligible student to inspect and review the records to verify that the records have been corrected and the correction is satisfactory. If the records are changed to the parent's/eligible student's satisfaction, both parties shall sign a document/form stating the date the records were changed and that the parent/eligible student is satisfied with the correction.

If the Superintendent determines the records will not be corrected, he/she will notify the parents/eligible student in writing of his/her decision. Such a letter will also notify the parents/eligible student of their right to an appeal hearing before the School Board.

3. Third-level decision. If the parents or eligible student are not satisfied with the Superintendent's decision, they may submit a written request for a hearing before the School Board. The parents/eligible student shall submit the request for a hearing with the Superintendent within ten (10) business days of the date of the Superintendent's written decision in Section H.2, above. The Superintendent will inform the School Board of the request for a hearing and will work with the School Board to schedule a hearing within forty five (45) days of receipt of the request. Once the meeting is scheduled, the Superintendent will inform the parents/eligible student in writing of the date, time, and place of the hearing.

The hearing will be held in non-public session consistent with the provisions of RSA 91-A:3, unless the parent/eligible student requests that the hearing be held in public session. The School Board will give the parent/eligible student a full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issues raised under their request. The parents/eligible students may be assisted or represented by one or more individuals of their own choice, including an attorney.

The School Board will issue its final decision in writing within thirty (30) days of the hearing, and will notify the parents/eligible student thereof via certified mail, return receipt requested. The School Board will base its decision solely on the evidence presented at the hearing. The School Board's written decision will include a summary of the evidence and the reasons for its decision.

If the School Board determines that the student record should be corrected, it will direct the Superintendent to do so as soon as possible. The Superintendent will then contact the parents/eligible student for a meeting so they can review and inspect the records to verify that they have been corrected. At this meeting, both parties shall sign a document/form stating the date the records were corrected and that the parent/eligible student is satisfied with the correction.

The School Board's decision will be final, except as otherwise provided by law.

- 4. <u>Parent/Eligible Student Explanation to be Included in Record</u>. Notwithstanding the resolution of any request to correct a student's record(s), in accordance with section (a)(2) of FERPA, a parent or eligible student may insert into that student's educational record a written explanation regarding the content of the record.
- I. <u>Disclosure of Student Records and Student Information</u>. In addition to directory information, the District may disclose student records and student information without consent to the following parties on the condition that the recipient agrees not to permit any other party to have access to the released information without the written consent of the parents of the student, and under the conditions specified.
  - 1. School officials with a legitimate educational interest. A school official may only access student records when the school official has a legitimate educational interest.
    - a. "School officials" means persons employed or used by the District to perform institutional services and functions, and includes such persons as teachers, instructional aides, administrators, including health or medical staff, school resource officers, and third parties such as contractors, attorneys, consultants, and volunteers. Such third party school officials may access student records provided such persons are:
      - 1. Under the District's direct control with respect to the use and maintenance of education records; and

- 2. Prohibited from disclosing the information to any other party without the prior written consent of the parent/eligible student, or as otherwise authorized by law.
- b. "Legitimate educational interest" includes performing a task or engaging in an activity related to (i) one's regular duties or professional responsibilities, (ii) a student's education, (iii) the discipline of a student, (iv) a service to or benefit for a student, (v) measures to support student success, and (vi) the safety and security of the campus.
- 2. Other schools into which a student is transferring or enrolling, upon condition that the student's parents be notified of the transfer, receive a copy of the record if desired, and have an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the content of the record. This exception continues after the date that a student has transferred
- 3. Officials for audit or evaluation purposes.
- 4. Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid.
- 5. Organizations conducting certain studies for, or on behalf of, the School District. Student records or student information will only be provided pursuant to this paragraph if the study is for the purpose of: developing, validating or administering predictive tests; administering student aid programs; or improving instruction. The recipient organization must agree to limit access to the information and to destroy the information when no longer needed for the purpose for which it is released. Additionally, any such studies must comply with the provisions of Board policy ILD {\*\*\*}.
- 6. Accrediting organizations.
- 7. Judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, upon condition that parents and the student are notified of all such orders or subpoenas in advance of compliance therewith by the District, except when a parent is a party to a court proceeding involving child abuse or neglect or dependency. The Principal shall consult with the Superintendent and legal counsel as needed to ensure compliance with the judicial order and applicable law.
- 8. Health and safety emergencies.
- J. <u>Maintenance of Student Records and Data</u>. The Principal of each building is responsible for record maintenance, access, and destruction of all student records. All school district personnel having access to records shall place great emphasis upon privacy rights of students and parents.

All entries into student records must be dated and signed by the person accessing such records.

The principal will ensure that all records are maintained in accordance with applicable retention schedules as may be established by law.

K. <u>Disclosures Made From Education Records.</u> The District will maintain an accurate record of all requests for it to disclose information from, or to permit access to, a student's education records and of the information it discloses and persons to whom it permits access, with some exceptions listed below. This record is kept with, but is not a part of, each student's cumulative school records. It is available only to the record custodian, the eligible student, the parent(s) of the student or to federal, state, or local officials for the purpose of auditing or enforcing federally supported educational programs.

#### The record includes:

- 1. The name of the person who or agency which made the request;
- In the event of a health and safety emergency, the articulable and significant threat to the health or safety of a student or other individuals that formed the basis for the disclosure; and the parties to whom the agency or institution disclosed the information;
- 3. Whether the request was granted and, if it was, the date access was permitted or the disclosure was made;

- 4. The date on which the person or agency made the request; and
- 5. The interest which the person or agency has in the information.

The District will maintain this record as long as it maintains the student's education record. The records do not include requests for access or information relative to access which has been granted to parent(s) of the student or to an eligible student; requests for access or access granted to officials of the District who have a legitimate educational interest in the student; requests for, or disclosures of, information contained in the student's education records if the request is accompanied by the prior written consent of a parent/eligible student or if the disclosure is authorized by such prior consent or for requests for, or disclosures of, directory information designated for that student.

The records of a request for the correction of an educational record, including any appeal of a denial of that request, if the educational record is ultimately corrected shall not be treated as part of the educational record of the student and shall be preserved separately.

Legal References Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be considered part of this policy, nor should they be taken as a comprehensive statement of the legal basis for the Board to enact this policy, nor as a complete recitation of related legal authority. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

NH StatutesDescriptionRSA 189:1-eDirectory Information

RSA 189:66 <u>Data Inventory and Policies Publication</u>

RSA 91-A:5,III <u>Exemptions, Pupil Records</u>

Federal Regulations Description

34 CFR. Part 99 <u>Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Regulations</u>

Federal Statutes Description

20 U.S.C. §1232g <u>Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)</u>

## Cross References

Code	Description

DAF Administration of Federal Grant Funds

DFGA <u>Crowdfunding</u>

ECAF

Audio and Video Surveillance on School Buses

EEAA

Video and Audio Surveillance on School Property

EH Public Access to School District Records

EH-R(1) Public Access to School District Records - Procedures for Public Access to District Records "Right

to Know Requests"

EH-F(1) Public Access to School District Records - Request for Waiver of Electronic Communication

Record Charge

EH-F(2) Public Access to School District Records - Affidavit of Indigency for Waiver of Electronic

Communication Charge

EHB <u>Data/Records Retention</u>

EHB-R(1) <u>Data/Records Retention - Local Records Retention Schedule</u>

GBJA <u>Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)</u>

GBJA-R(1) <u>Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)</u>

ILD <u>Non-Educational/Non-Academic Questionnaires, Surveys & Research</u>

ILD-R(1) Non-Educational/Non-Academic Questionnaires, Surveys & Research - Protection of Pupil Rights

<u>Amendment - Supporting Forms</u>

Code

Description

JKAA

Use of Restraints and Seclusion

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Code JRA-A

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#### STUDENT RECORD ACCESS

In order to serve the needs of individual students, extensive records of their school performance, progress in testing, and scheduling requests are maintained. However, the school respects students' and parents' right to know and follows these guidelines, consistent with federal, state, and local laws and recommendations.

- 1. Parents and eligible students wishing to inspect student records must file a written request to do so with the Principal or Director of Guidance. Such inspection shall take place during regular school hours or at reasonable times during vacation periods, but not during weekends or holidays.
- 2. Single copies of appropriate records will be made available to parents. Records will be kept in the student's file of all copies made when made, and to whom provided.
- 3. Records are maintained for each student in the following categories: directory information, academic records, standardized and individual testing, individual education plans and pupil placement team recommendations, attendance and enrollment data, and health records.
- 4. Information of any kind other than directory information will not be disclosed without the prior written consent of the parent or eligible student, except as permitted by law.
- 5. The school shall make a written record of the disclosure of all student information, except directory information, and such record will be kept in the student's file. This record of disclosure is also available for inspection by the parent or eligible student. A record of inspections will also be kept.
- 6. Amendment of Records -- The parent or eligible student may request that the records be amended in respect to information alleged to be inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the privacy rights of the student. Such request shall be in writing, dated, and addressed to the Principal or Director of Guidance.
- 7. In the event that the School District decides to refuse the request to amend, the Principal shall inform the Parent or eligible student, and shall advise said person of his/her rights to a hearing, in compliance with the law. See PL 93-380

## STUDENT RECORDS

This policy is adopted pursuant to the federal "Family Educational and Privacy Act of 1974," and other applicable statutes governing student records so as to ensure a uniform policy of access to student records.

This policy is not intended to determine what information shall be included in student records, nor to govern the periodic destruction of irrelevant unnecessary or dated information. However, student records are intended to include factual information and care should be taken to ensure that material placed therein shall meet those requirements.

- 1. Access to said records shall be furnished to the following persons:
  - a. Authorized Local School District personnel, counselors, teachers of that student, and administrators.
  - b. The student's parent or legal guardian.
  - c. The student, if over 18 or attending an institution of higher learning and not enrolled in the Local School District.
  - d. The Comptroller General of the United States, the administrative head of a state or federal educational agency and authorities of New Hampshire State Educational Agencies and the authorized representatives of the above.

#### 2. Other Third Parties

Access to such records shall be furnished to others only upon the written consent of the parents of the student, the student himself if over 18, or in response to a judicial subpoena upon notice to the student or his/her parents or guardians.

## 3. Review of Records

To ensure proper interpretation and understanding of the information contained in student records or personally identifiable records, a counselor or building administrator must be present to provide assistance at the time of the inspection of such records including psychological tests. If psychological studies or background information is sought, the counselor or administrator shall arrange for the presence of the school psychologist at the time of inspection to interpret, explain or assist in the understanding of such information.

#### 4. Confidential Records

a. Records pertaining to child abuse, law enforcement activities, medical records, and investigation of criminal acts, shall be maintained in separate files by the building Principal or a designated representative. Such records shall be deemed confidential information under the provisions of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated Education Laws Chapter 91-A:5 Access to Public Records which pertain to personal privacy and law enforcement investigatory files and shall not be released to any person or agency except upon the instruction of the Superintendent. In no event shall such records be used as the basis for the preparation of reports or recommendations on an individual basis. Such records, when kept, shall only be used to ensure compliance with the statute governing child abuse, to protect the property and persons of the

- students and personnel of the School District, to make necessary investigations of actual or suspected criminal activities and to render assistance as necessary to law enforcement officers and agencies.
- b. Unverified data of serious or recurrent behavior patterns will not be included in records to which access will be given nor shall such data be used in reports or recommendations made to any individual or agency outside the school system.
- c. The term "educational records" does not include records of institutional, supervisory and administrative personnel ancillary thereto which are in sole possession of the maker thereof and which are not accessible or revealed to any other person.
- d. At the beginning of each school year, parents will be given written notification through student handbooks or other means of publication of the categories of information which have been designated as "directory information" with respect to each student attending the Local School District. By the third Monday following the opening of school in September, a parent or student over 18 years of age shall notify the appropriate Principal of their desire that any or all of the information designated should not be released without the parent or student's prior consent.

"Directory Information" relating to a student includes the following:

- 1. The student's name, address, date of birth.
- 2. Major field of study.
- 3. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports.
- 4. Weight and height of members of athletic teams.
- 5. Dates of attendance.
- 6. Awards and honors received.

#### 5. Procedures Governing Access

- a. The Parent, student or guardian shall sign a request form.
- b. Permissible third parties shall sign a request form.
- c. In cases involving a third party, the student over 18, parent or guardian shall sign a consent form. Forms used will identify the records to which access is sought and will be placed in the student's file as a record of the request.
- d. Access will be refused or granted depending upon the propriety of the request and validity of the forms furnished by the counselors and/or building Principal.
- e. If the request for access is refused, and the party who requested access objects to said refusal, said request will be referred to the Superintendent for final decision.
- f. Custodians of student records:
  - Elementary possession by elementary Principal
  - Secondary possession by Director of Guidance
  - Handicapped possession by Director of Special Education

# 6. Challenges to Records

The parent(s), guardian(s) and/or student 18 years of age or older shall have an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the content of the school record, to ensure the records are not inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of students and to provide an opportunity for the correction or deletion of any such inaccurate, misleading or otherwise inappropriate data contained therein.

- a. The parent(s), guardian(s) of a student under 18, or a student over 18, shall have an opportunity to identify in writing, addressed to the building Principal, the record or records which they believe to be inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of the student, together with a statement of the reasons for the challenge to the record.
- b. A response by the building Principal shall be made within fourteen days indicating he/she finds the challenged record to be inaccurate, misleading or otherwise inappropriate and that it will be corrected or deleted; or that he/she finds no basis for correcting or deleting the records in question, but that the parent or student will be given an opportunity for a hearing upon receipt of written request by the parent(s) or guardian(s) or student over 18.
- c. A hearing, if requested, shall be held within a reasonable period of time, but in no case more than 45 days after receipt of such a request by the Superintendent of Schools. The parent(s), guardian(s) or student 18 years or older, should be given the right to present evidence in support of his/her belief that the record is erroneous and to rebut any evidence submitted in support of the record. A written decision should be rendered stating the disposition of the challenge to the record and the reasons for the determination. Although the hearing may be informal in nature, the processes used shall ensure fairness and impartiality.
- d. In cases involving a constitutionally protected right, the School District attorney should be consulted with respect to the hearing procedure and the degree of formality required.
- e. A fee shall be charged for copies made of records authorized to be disclosed at a rate of twenty-five cents per page or fraction thereof.

## **Monadnock Regional School District**

Date
THIRD-PARTY REQUEST
I, (We), request the following information from the school records of:
My authority for making this request is:
I am authorized by law to have access to said records or I attach the consent of the student and/or his/her

parent or legal guardian.

I agree not to release said information to any other person or party except as said release may be authorized by law.
(x out inapplicable material)
Signature and Title
Name of Agency
Address
FIRST-PARTY REQUEST
Date
I, (am over 18) (am attending an institution of higher learning) (am the parent or legal guardian of) and request access to the school records of
The specific records I should like to inspect are: (Please indicate specific areas, i.e., student folder, athletic, scholastic, reading scores, test results, attendance, etc.)
(x out inapplicable material)
Signature
Monadnock Regional School District
First Party Consent
I, consent to the inspection of the school records of by or consent that the following information be mailed to them. I am the student involved and am over 18, or his/her parent or legal guardian. The records may be personally inspected or may be mailed to them as they request. This consent pertains to all records usually furnished in the best judgment of the School District authorities or limited as stated in the School Policy on Student Records.  (x-out inapplicable material)
SignatureACCESS TO STUDENT RECORDS

NOTICE CONCERNING STUDENT RECORDS

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Notice is hereby given to all Parents and guardians of students attending the Local Schools and students 18 years of age and older.

The following records are considered "Directory Information" and will not be treated as confidential information. Such information will be made available for publication through School District news releases.

- a. The student's name, address, date of birth.
- b. Major field of study.
- c. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports.
- d. Weight and height of members of athletic teams.
- e. Dates of attendance in Local Schools.
- f. Awards and honors received.

Parents or guardians of Local Students and students 18 years of age and older who desire such "Directory Information" not be released for publication shall notify the appropriate Principal in writing by the third Monday in September.

All other information contained in educational records cannot be released without the written consent of the Parents or eligible students with certain exceptions:

- a. Release to intra-institutional officials such as teachers, counselors, and administrators.
- b. Release to other schools where the student is seeking to enroll.
- c. Release to federal and state officials for the purposes of evaluating or auditing a program receiving federal or state support.
- d. Release of information in connection with a student's application for financial aid
- e. Release to official accrediting organizations in conjunction with the accreditation process.
- f. Release of necessary information in cases of health or safety emergencies.
- g. Release to state and local officials if statutes or regulations requiring release were adopted prior to November 19, 1974.
- h. Release to organizations or persons developing validation information or conducting predictive tests.
- i. Release of such information as tuition bills and grades to parents of dependent students.
- j. Release of information pursuant to judicial order or subpoena.

Parents or guardians wishing to have access to the records of their children should contact either the school Principal or school counselors. Records pertaining to individual students may include standardized test scores, permanent record card, achievement and health records.

#### **OBJECTIVE**

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The objective of the student record policy is to protect the rights and privacy of students and parents and to assure the welfare of the child.

- 1. An accurate cumulative record shall be maintained on each student including "... but not necessarily limited to, identifying data, academic work completed, level of achievement (grades, standardized achievement test scores), attendance data, scores on standardized, intelligence, aptitude and psychological tests, interest inventory results, health data, family background information, teacher or counselor observations and verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns."
- 2. The Principal shall be the records manager for the school and shall assume responsibility for maintaining and preserving the confidentiality of school records. He/she may, however, designate another school official to perform the duties of records manager. The records manager shall be responsible for reviewing and deleting information in each cumulative folder in accordance with District guidelines.
- 3. Records shall be made available in a reasonable length of time, but in no case, more than 45 days after the request has been made in writing to the records manager. The records may be inspected by the parents, guardians, and all students once they reach eighteen in the presence of the records manager or his/her designate.
- 4. Parents, guardians or students, if over eighteen, have the right to "a hearing to challenge the content of their child's school records, to ensure that the records are not inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of students, and to provide an opportunity for the correction or deletion of any such inaccurate, misleading or otherwise inappropriate data contained therein."
- 5. Broad, comparative results of standardized tests may be reported in general terms to the public.
- 6. Records, not including identification, may be released for statistical studies by the records manager with the knowledge of the Principal and the consent of the Superintendent of Schools.
- 7. Information from records of individual students will be available to Juvenile Court when requested in writing by proper officials with the parent, guardian, and/or student over eighteen years being informed in writing.
- 8. After a student leaves the School District, records shall be kept on file for three years; except that records of students who have been enrolled in special education programs shall be maintained until the individual is 35 years old.

## **Policy References:**

General Education Provision Act, Section 438-1974

## **Policy Cross References:**

JRA - Protection and Access to Student Records »

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## Policy Motions and Actions from July 8, 2025

**JIC: Student Conduct** 

**MOTION:** To update policy JIC with NHSBA sample policy.

Required by law

NHSBA Note: Minor revision to include the requirement under the revised N.H.
 Minimum Standards for Public School Approval (the "306 Rules") that the policy
 regarding discipline and conduct be accessible in ADA compliant form and that the
 District offer a "verbal option" when needed.

## JLCK: Physical and Emotional Well-Being of Students

**MOTION:** To update policy JLCK with NHSBA sample policy.

- Required by law
- NHSBA Note: Sample JLCK was revised (including change in title) to reflect amendments and recoding of Minimum Standards found in N.H. Department of Education rule Ed 306; specifically, the requirement in Ed 306.04(b)(15) that schools have a policy addressing "physical and emotional health needs of students." The deleted language was based upon old 306 rules, with the new language intending to offer more substance or at least examples as to measures to achieve the objectives.

## **JLIA: Supervision of Students**

**MOTION:** To update policy JLIA with NHSBA sample policy with committee edits.

- Required by law
- NHSBA Note: Sample JLIA was revised to include specific reference to the definitions of school property found in the new Ed 306.04(b)(2). We also changed the category from Recommended to Priority/Required to reflect the Administrative Rule
- Add "district owned" to public or private statement

## **IMAH: Daily Physical Activity**

**MOTION:** To update policy IMAH with NHSBA sample policy with committee edits.

- Required by law
- NHSBA Note: Revised to designate the Wellness Committee (under sample JLCF) with the responsibility to monitor implementation of this policy and make recommendations to the Board accordingly
- Leave "risks" in introduction.

**EBB: School Safety** 

**MOTION:** To update policy EBB with NHSBA sample policy.

- Required by law
- NHSBA Note: Sample EBB was revised to include language from new rule Ed 306.04(b)(2) relative to definitions of "school property".

## **EBCH: Chemical Safety and Chemical Hygiene Plan**

**MOTION:** To update policy EBCH with NHSBA sample policy.

- Required by law
- NHSBA Note: Revised policy to reflect the requirements embedded in the Chemical Hygiene Plan template for an annual audit.

## Committee work not requiring Board action:

**JLCF: Wellness** 

**MOTION:** To refer policy JLCF to administration to create a measurable goal at end of policy.

- Required by law
- NHSBA Note: Minor revisions included reference to the recently overhauled N.H.
  Department of Education's Minimum Standards found in Ed 306, as well as tested
  and in some instances replaced links to external sources. Also, included a more
  direct connection between the physical activity requirement of the USDA regulations
  and Section IV of this sample to the requirements under Ed 310 and sample IMAH,
  Daily Physical Activity, among other things delegating to the Wellness Committee
  the purview to review and make recommendations in line with IMAH.
- C Water choice 1 and keep last sentence in section

## EBCH- E(1): Chemical Safety and Chemical Hygiene Plan - Plan Template

**MOTION:** To refer policy EBCH-E(1) to administration for review.

- Required by law
- NHSBA Note: Corrected some incorrect telephone numbers, and other very minor changes. If your district used the 2024 version of the plan template, please change the telephone numbers for the Department of Safety on pages 14 and 15, and the Department of Environmental Services (DES) on page 15 of the template.



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## STUDENT CONDUCT

## A. General Policy

The School Board is committed to promoting a safe, healthy, orderly, and supportive school and learning environment. To achieve that for all, it is important for students to conduct themselves in a manner fitting to their age level and maturity, and with respect and consideration for other students, District personnel, and other members of the community. Students are expected and required to maintain appropriate behavior that allows teachers and staff to perform their professional duties effectively and without disruption, while on school district property or on property within the jurisdiction of the School District (including vehicles); and/or while attending or engaged in school activities.

Expectations for student conduct and standards of behavior shall be communicated through written Board policies, as well as District and/or school rules. Those policies and rules should be included in a Code of conduct for each school.

Student conduct that causes material or substantial disruption to the school environment interferes with the rights of others, presents a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, or visitors, and/or violates the Code of Conduct or classroom rules is prohibited. Response to violations of the Code of Conduct however should be designed to maximize student academic, emotional, and social success, while at the same time assuring the safety of all students, staff, and school visitors. With this objective, the Board endorses the adoption of a Multi-Tiered System of Support for Behavioral Health and Wellness ("MTSS-B") as the framework for the Code of Conduct. District personnel who interact with students are expected to utilize progressive disciplinary measures and to place emphasis on educating students, so they may grow in self-discipline. Suspensions and expulsions shall be administered consistent with the applicable Code of Conduct and Board policy JICD.

## B. Student Code of Conduct

The School Board delegates to the Superintendent, in consultation with the appropriate building Principal and counselors, the responsibility of adopting and implementing a [Student Code of Conduct] with such age-appropriate rules and regulations for each school as he/she deems necessary to implement the objectives of this policy, and reflects the three-tiered support prevention of framework of MTSS-B: school-wide approaches; targeted supports for at-risk students; and individualized services for highest-needs students.

The Code of Conduct for each school shall be submitted to the School Board for review each year, either separately or with the applicable student handbook. Consistent with the Board's statutory authority, and other Board policies regarding review of administrative rules, regulations, and procedures, the School Board retains the authority to modify, supersede, or suspend any provision of the Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct shall include:

- 1. A graduated and age-appropriate system of supports and intervention strategies, such as:
- parent conferences,
- · counseling,
- peer mediation,
- instruction in conflict resolution and anger management,
- parent counseling and training,
- community service, and
- rearranging class schedules.
- 2. Graduated and age-appropriate disciplinary consequences such as:
- restriction from extra-curricular activities,
- temporary (same day) removal from class or activity,
- detention.
- temporary reassignment/in-school suspension,
- out-of-school suspension, and
- expulsion.
- 3. Provisions describing how and when short term suspensions of up to 5 days, short term suspensions up to 10 days, long term suspensions up to 20 days, and/or expulsion should be imposed. These standards shall make reference to and reflect:
- the nature and degree of disruption caused to the school environment;
- the threat to the health and safety of pupils and school personnel, volunteers or visitors;
- whether the conduct or behavior is isolated or repeated.

All temporary (same day) removal from classrooms or activities, restriction from activities, detentions, suspensions, and expulsions shall comport with applicable laws, regulations, and Board policy JICD.

4. Information regarding RSA 193:13, 193-D, this policy, Board policy JICD, and other Board policies or District/school rules regulating student conduct on and off-campus. Except where the complete text of a statute, regulation or policy is required, the Code of Conduct should include age-appropriate language. E.g., summaries for elementary grade levels.

## C. Implementation and Notice.

The Superintendent shall assure that the Code of Conduct, complete with the information set out in section B.4, above, shall be printed in full in each student handbook, made available to parents at the beginning of the school year, publicly available on the school, District and/or SAU district website [or in some other manner to assure parental notification if neither the school district nor SAU maintains a website].

Additionally, building Principal(s) shall assure student awareness of the Code of Conduct and other District policies and building rules through print, postings, and periodic announcements.

The Superintendent should also designate personnel to explore the availability of and pursue any State or federal grants, technical assistance, and professional development opportunities available to facilitate implementation of MTSS-B per RSA 135-F:5, I(c) and (d).

## D. Parental Notification of Simple Assaults.

Pursuant to RSA 193-D:4, I (b), the Superintendent is directed to adopt and implement procedures requiring parents/guardians of each student involved in a simple assault (victim and perpetrator) occurring during the school day, when such assault causes: any form of bodily injury, including bruising or discoloration, or would otherwise constitute a disciplinable offense under the Code of Conduct. For purposes of this policy, "simple assault" shall have the same meaning as that provided in RSA 631:2-a (a simple assault occurs when one purposefully or knowingly causes bodily injury or unprivileged physical contact to another; or recklessly causes bodily injury to another or negligently causes bodily injury to another by means of a deadly weapon).

## E. Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities.

If a student is disabled under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), the New Hampshire RSA 186-C, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, or any other law providing special rights to disabled students, those laws shall govern and shall supersede these local policies to the extent these local policies are inconsistent with those laws. Accordingly, any class or activity removal, suspension or expulsion of a child with a disability as defined in Ed 1102.01(t) shall be in accordance with Ed 1124.01.

#### Legal References:

RSA 135-F:5, System of Care for Children/Duties of Commissioner of Dept. of Education

RSA 193:13, Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils

RSA 193-D:4, Written Report Required

RSA 631:2-a, Simple Assault

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(f)(4), Student Discipline

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(g), Suspension & Expulsion

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.06, Culture and Climate

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 317.04(b, Disciplinary Procedures

Legal References Disclaimer:

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**Policy JIC: Student Conduct** 

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ADOPTION/REVISION NOTES -

Text between the highlighted lines " $\sim \sim \sim \sim$ ", and highlights in this sample should be removed prior to adoption.

- a. General As with all sample policies, NHSBA recommends that each district carefully review this sample prior to adoption/revision to assure suitability with the district's own specific circumstances, internal coding system, current policies, and organizational structures.
- b. Highlighted language or blank, underscored spaces indicate areas which Boards should review, change or complete to reflect local personnel titles, internal/external policy references, duty assignments etc.
- c. [\*\*] indicates a reference to another NHSBA sample policy. A district should check its own current policies and codes to assure internal consistency.
- d. Withdrawn & earlier versions of revised policies should be maintained separately as part of the permanent records of the District.

**NHSBA history: Revised** – June 2025, March 2021, September 2018, May 2018, April 2011, September 2009, October 2004, November 1999, July 1998

NHSBA revision notes: June 2025: Minor revision to include the requirement under the revised N.H. Minimum Standards for Public School Approval (the "306 Rules") that the policy regarding discipline and conduct be accessible in ADA compliant form and that the District offer a "verbal option" when needed. March 2021: Policy JIC was revised to reflect 2020 amendments to RSA 193:13. Among other things, those amendments are largely designed to effect greater emphasis on the emotional and academic needs of students through support and intervention strategies prior to using exclusion from school through suspension and expulsion. The amendments also (a) limit the duration of long-term ("LT") suspensions to 20 days, (b) limit the reasons a student may receive a LT suspension, and (c) require districts to adopt separate standards for short term suspensions of <5 days, and those of >5.

#### A. General Policy.

The School Board is committed to promoting a safe, healthy, orderly and supportive school and learning environment. To achieve that for all, it is important for students to conduct themselves in a manner fitting to their age level and maturity, and with respect and consideration other students, District personnel and other members of the community. Students are expected and required to maintain appropriate behavior that allows teachers and staff to perform their professional duties effectively and without disruption while on School District property or on property within the jurisdiction of the School District (including vehicles); and/or while attending or engaged in school activities.

Expectations for student conduct and standards of behavior shall be communicated through written Board policies, as well as District and/or school rules. Those policies and rules should be included in a Code of Conduct\_\_\_\_

[1] Delete footnote for each school.

Student conduct that causes material or substantial disruption to the school environment, interferes with the rights of others, presents a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, or visitors, and/or violates the Code of Conduct\_\_\_\_, or classroom rules is prohibited. Response to violations of the Code of Conduct\_\_\_\_, however, should be designed to maximize student academic, emotional and social success, while at the same time assuring safety of all students, staff and school visitors. With this objective, the Board endorses adoption of a Multi-Tiered System of Support for Behavioral Health and Wellness ("MTSS-B") as the framework for the Code of Conduct \_\_\_\_\_. [2 delete footnote] District personnel who interact with students are expected to utilize progressive disciplinary measures, and to place emphasis on educating students so they may grow in self-discipline. Suspensions and expulsions shall be administered consistent with the applicable Code of Conduct and Board policy [\*\*] JICD.

B. Student Code of Conduct [ ]

The School Board delegates to the Superintendent, in consultation with the appropriate building Principal and counselors, the responsibility of adopting and implementing a [Student Code of Conduct] with such age-appropriate rules and regulations for each school as he/she deems necessary to implement the objectives of this policy, and reflects the three-tiered support prevention of framework of MTSS-B: school-wide approaches; targeted supports for at-risk students; and individualized services for highest-needs students.

The Code of Conduct for each school shall be submitted to the School Board for review [3 delete footnote] each year, either separately or with the applicable student handbook. Consistent with the Board's statutory authority, and other Board policies regarding review of administrative rules, regulations and procedures, the School Board retains the authority to modify, supersede, or suspend any provision of the Code of Conduct\_\_\_\_.

The Code of Conduct shall include:

- 1. aA graduated and age-appropriate system of supports and intervention strategies, such as:
  - parent conferences,
  - counseling,
  - peer mediation,
  - instruction in conflict resolution and anger management,
  - parent counseling and training,
  - community service, and
  - rearranging class schedules;
- 2. gGraduated and age-appropriate disciplinary consequences such as:
  - restriction from extra-curricular activities,
  - temporary (same day) removal from class or activity,
  - detention.
  - temporary reassignment/in-school suspension,
  - out-of-school suspension, and
  - expulsion;
- 3. pProvisions describing how and when short term suspensions of up to 5 days, short-term suspensions up to 10 days, long-term suspensions up to 20 days, and/or expulsion should be imposed. These standards shall make reference to and reflect:
  - the nature and degree of disruption caused to the school environment;
  - the threat to the health and safety of pupils and school personnel, volunteers or visitors;
  - whether the conduct or behavior is isolated or repeated;
  - that a. All temporary (same day) removal from classrooms or activities, restriction from activities, detentions, suspensions and expulsions shall comport with applicable laws, regulations and Board policy \*\*\*\* JICD; and:
- 4. information regarding RSA 193:13, 193-D, this policy, Board policy [\*\*] JICD, and other Board policies or District/school rules regulating student conduct on and off-campus. Except where the complete text of a statute, regulation or policy is required, the Code of Conduct should include age appropriate language. E.g., summaries for elementary grade levels.

#### C. Implementation and Notice.

The Superintendent shall assure that the Code of Conduct, complete with the information set out in section B.4, above, shall be printed in full in each student handbook, made available to parents at the beginning of the school year, publicly available on the school, District and, if different, the SAU district websites. [or in some other manner to assure parental notification] The online publications of the Code(s) of Conduct shall be ADA compliant (see also Board policy [\*\*]KEE). Additionally, Building Principals shall ensure that verbal recitation of the applicable Code of Conduct is available as needed.

Except where the complete text of a statute, regulation or policy is required, the Code of Conduct should include age-appropriate language. E.g., summaries for elementary grade levels. if neither the school district nor SAU maintain a website.

Additionally, building Principal(s) shall assure student awareness of the Code of Conduct and other District policies and building rules through print, postings and periodic announcements.

[If using MTSS-B.] The Superintendent should also designate personnel to explore the availability of and pursue any State or Federal grants, technical assistance and professional development opportunities available to facilitate implementation of MTSS-B per RSA 135-F:5, I(c) and (d).

## D. Parental Notification of Simple Assaults.

Pursuant to RSA 193-D:4, I (b), the Superintendent is directed to adopt and implement procedures requiring parents/guardians of each student involved in a simple assault (victim and perpetrator) occurring during the school day, when such assault causes: any form of bodily injury, including bruising or discoloration, or would otherwise constitute a disciplinable offense under the Code of Conduct\_\_\_\_. For purposes of this policy, "simple assault" shall have the same meaning as that provided in RSA 631:2-a (a simple assault occurs when one purposefully or knowingly causes bodily injury or unprivileged physical contact to another; or recklessly causes bodily injury to another or negligently causes bodily injury to another by means of a deadly weapon).

#### E. Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities.

If a student is disabled under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), the New Hampshire RSA 186-C, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, or any other law providing special rights to disabled students, those laws shall govern and shall supersede these local policies to the extent these local policies are inconsistent with those laws. Accordingly, any class or activity removal, suspension or expulsion of a child with a disability as defined in Ed 1102.01(t) shall be in accordance with Ed 1124.01.

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No law or regulation requires something called a "code of conduct". However, boards and schools are required to have a policy for "rules of conduct", and "penalties for misbehavior", and be disseminated to parents and guardians. (Ed 306.04(f), and (g)). Ed 306.06 further requires fair and consistent implementation of the outdated term "code of discipline". This sample policy uses "Code of Conduct" to reference the collection of Board policies, school and district administrative rules, and policies & rules pertaining to disciplinary consequences. Any district which does not use term Code of Conduct for such rules, should replace with the District's own title, e.g., Expectations and Standards of Behavior and Consequences. In mid-May, 2021, NHSBA will make available upon request a template for a code of conduct based upon MTSS-B.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> MTSS-B was endorsed by the legislature specifically through 2020 amendments to RSA 135-F, and the "supports" required under 193:3, XI(a), and included in paragraph B.1 above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> An annual review should be sufficient for Board oversight, as the Board will always retain authority require revisions (within legal limits). Pre-approval often creates timing issues as necessary adjustments from school year, and processes reflecting new legislative changes, are not identified until the end of the school year. If the Board wishes annual pre-approval of the Code of Conduct, it should include a date for submission, keeping in mind the board meeting calendar for summer and the need to have handbook ready.

NH Statutes Description

RSA 135-F:5 System of Care for Children/Duties of Commissioner of Dept. of Education

RSA 193-D:4 Written Report Required (Safe School Zones)

RSA 193:13 Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils

RSA 631:2-a Simple Assault

NH Dept of Ed Regulation Description

N.H. Code Admin. Rules Ed 306.04(b)(3)(e)

Student Discipline

N.H. Code Admin. Rules Ed 306.06

Culture and Climate

N.H. Code Admin. Rules Ed 317.04(b)

Disciplinary Procedures

Cross References Description

ACN <u>Accommodation of Nursing Mothers</u>

EEAA <u>Video and Audio Surveillance on School Property</u>

JI Student Rights and Responsibilities

JICA <u>Student Dress Code</u>

JICC Student Conduct on School Buses

JICC-R(1) Student Conduct on School Buses - School Bus Conduct Rules

JICD <u>Student Discipline and Due Process</u>

JICD-R(1) Student Discipline and Due Process - Memorandum of Understanding

JICDD Student Discipline/Out-of-School Actions

JICI Weapons on School Property

JICK Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention

JICK-R(1) Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention - Report Form

JICK-R(2) Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention - Bullying Report Form

Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention - School Board Notification of Bullying

Report

JIJ Student Protests, Demonstrations and Strikes

JLDBA Behavior Management & Intervention

KEE Website Accessibility and Grievance

KFA Conduct on School Property

JICK-R(3)

KFA-R(1) Conduct on School Property - Assaults

Status: DRAFT

## **Policy JLCK: Special Physical Health Needs of Students**

Original Adopted Date: 05/01/2012 | Last Revised Date: 04/01/2017 | Last Reviewed Date: 06/10/2025

Category: Priority/Required

ADOPTION/REVISION NOTES -

Text between the highlighted lines " $\sim \sim \sim \sim$ ", and highlights in this sample should be removed prior to adoption.

- a. Special Policy is written to meet the legal requirements. Boards may wish to add substantive provisions specific to their district as to how the goals of this policy are to be addressed / achieved. Alternatively, a board may include provisions to develop measures to address or achieve the goals (e.g., assigning to specific personnel, requiring reports or a plan to be presented to the board, etc.)
- b. General As with all sample policies, NHSBA recommends that each district carefully review this sample prior to adoption/revision to assure suitability with the district's own specific circumstances, internal coding system, current policies, and organizational structures.
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- e. General Withdrawn & earlier versions of revised policies should be maintained separately as part of the permanent records of the District.

NHSBA history: Revised - June 2025, April 2017. New policy - May 2012.

NHSBA revision notes: June 2025, revised (including change in title) to reflect amendments and recoding of Minimum Standards found in N.H. Department of Education rule Ed 306; specifically, the requirement in Ed 306.04(b)(15) that schools have a policy addressing "physical and emotional health needs of students." The deleted language was based upon old 306 rules, with the new language intending to offer more substance or at least examples as to measures to achieve the objectives. April 2017, Revised to update legal references and provide additional substance based on Dept. of Education guidance.

The Board is committed to helping to ensure that all students within the district are supported in their physical and emotional well-being, recognizing that these are essential to academic success and personal development. In order to further the above, along with the complementary objectives of fostering a safe and supportive environment for its students, the Board endorses the following measures:

#### 1. Physical Health Support

- a. Ensure access to nutritious meals and clean drinking water.
- b. Provide regular physical education and opportunities for physical activity.
- c. Maintain clean, safe, and accessible school facilities.
- d. Offer health screenings and referrals to medical services as available.

## 2. Emotional and Mental Health Support

- a. Implement age-appropriate social-emotional learning programs.
- b. Provide regular training for staff on mental health awareness and trauma-informed practices.
- c. Employ qualified school counselors, psychologists, and social workers.

#### 3. Prevention and Intervention

- a. Establish procedures for identifying and supporting students in crisis.
- b. Promote anti-bullying initiatives and conflict resolution programs.
- c. Explore ways to collaborate with families and community organizations to extend support beyond school.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to discuss any special physical or emotional concerns they have about their student with the student's teacher, school counselor or school nurse as applicable.

The School District will support meetthe special physical physical and emotional health needs of all students, consistent with state and federal law.

The school board recommends that all pupils participate in developmentally appropriate daily physical activity, exercise, or physical education as a way to minimize the health risks created by chronic inactivity, childhood obesity, and other related health problems. The School District will encourage developmentally appropriate daily physical activity, exercise, or physical education through curriculum, athletics, and other school programs.

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NH Statutes	Description
RSA 189:11	School Boards, Transportation and Instruction of Pupils
NH Dept of Ed Regulation	Description
N.H. Code Admin. Rules Ed 306.04(b)(15)	Behavior Management and Intervention for Students
N.H. Code Admin. Rules Ed 306.04(b)(23)	Meeting the Special Physical Health Needs of Students
Cross References	Description
IMAH	Daily Physical Activity
JLCF	Wellness
JLDBA	Behavior Management & Intervention



Book J: Students

Section Series J

Title Special Physical Health Needs of Students

Code JLCK

Status Active

Adopted March 1, 2016

Last Revised June 2, 2020

## SPECIAL PHYSICAL HEALTH NEEDS OF STUDENTS

The Monadnock Regional School District will meet the special physical health needs of all students, consistent with state and federal law. The school board recommends that all pupils participate in developmentally appropriate daily physical activity, exercise, or physical education as a way to minimize the health risks created by chronic inactivity, childhood obesity, and other related health problems. The School District will encourage developmentally appropriate daily physical activity, exercise, or physical education through curriculum, athletics, and other school programs.

Legal References:

RSA 189:11-a, V

NH Department of Education Administrative

Ed Rule 306.04(a)(20), Meeting the Special Physical Health Needs of Students

## **Policy References:**

Category: Priority

Last Modified by Lillian Sutton on June 8, 2020

Status: DRAFT

#### **Policy JLIA: Supervision of Students**

Original Adopted Date: 07/01/1998 | Last Revised Date: 09/01/2009 | Last Reviewed Date: 06/10/2025

Category: Priority/RequiredRecommended

ADOPTION/REVISION NOTES -

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NHSBA history: Revised - June 2025, September 2009, July 1998

NHSBA revision notes: Revised - June 2025, revised to include specific reference to the definitions of school property found in the revised Minimum Standards, see Dept. of Education Administrative Rule 306.04(b)(2). Also changed category from Recommended to Priority/Required to reflect the Administrative Rule.

The Board is committed to ensuring that students are appropriately supervised at times when the District is responsible for providing for the safety of students with a reasonable duty of care and supervision.

The Building Principal is responsible for promoting and providing for student safety on all school property, both on school property and during school-sponsored activities off school grounds. For the purposes of this policy, "school property" shall include: all real property, physical plant and equipment used for school purposes, including but not limited to school playgrounds, buses and vans, whether public or private. Among other things, execution of this responsibility means delegation of supervisory responsibilities for all such activities, and ensuring that sufficient protocols for emergency response and communication are in place for all activities.

The Building Principal is responsible for administering and supervising the school, the general conduct of students, both on school premises and during school-sponsored activities off school grounds.

Without limiting the above, students should be under the supervision of a member of the school staff at all reasonable times while they are in school or attending school-sponsored activities on and off school property yt. functions. All school staff have a duty to helpshall ensure the safety of students even when such staff they are not specifically scheduled for supervisory duty.

All dangerous conditions in the school should be reported at once to the Building Principal.

In schools where bus transportation is provided, the supervisory duties shall include the loading and unloading, when necessary, of the students at the school. Elementary school students shall be escorted to the bus to ensure that the students board the bus safely.

The Superintendent and Building Principals are authorized to establish administrative rules and/or regulations in furtherance of this policy.

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Cross References	Description
EBB	School Safety
EEA	Student Transportation Services
GBEBB	Employee-Student Relations
JLIF	Receipt and Use of Sex Offender Registry Information
JLIF-R(1)	Receipt and Use of Sex Offender Registry Information



Book J: Students

Section Series J

Title Supervision of Students

Code JLIA

Status Active

Adopted May 4, 1999

Last Revised July 1, 1998

## SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

During school hours, or while engaging in school-sponsored activities, students will be released only into the custody of parents or other authorized persons.

# **Policy References:**

Category - Recommended

Last Modified by Lillian Sutton on July 5, 2017

Status: DRAFT

#### **Policy IMAH: Daily Physical Activity**

Original Adopted Date: 08/01/2007 | Last Revised Date: 05/01/2014 | Last Reviewed Date: 06/10/2025

Category: Priority/Required

#### ADOPTION/REVISION NOTES -

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- d. General Withdrawn & earlier versions of revised policies should be maintained separately as part of the permanent records of the District.

NHSBA history: Revised - June 2025, May 2014, Sept. 2008, Aug. 2007

NHSBA revision notes, June 2025, revised to designate the Wellness Committee (under sample JLCF) with the responsibility to monitor implementation of this policy, and make recommendations to the Board accordingly. May 2014: Changes to Legal References only.

The Board recognizes that developmentally appropriate daily physical activity, exercise and physical education are ways to minimize health risks created by chronic inactivity, childhood obesity, and other related health problems. The Board recommends that students and staff participate in developmentally appropriate physical activity and exercise at for at least 30 to 60 minutes each day as a way to minimize these health risks. The Board recommends the following practices:

- a. Encourage parents/guardians to support their children's participation in enjoyable physical activities, and recognize that parents/guardians act as role models for active lifestyles;
- b. Support special programs such as student and staff walking programs, family fitness events, and events that emphasize lifelong physical activity;
- c. Integrate health and physical activity across the school curriculum;
- d. Encourage student-initiated activities that promote inclusive physical activity on a school-wide basis;
- e. Commit adequate resources that include program funding, personnel, safe equipment, and facilities;
- f. Provide professional development opportunities for all school staff that will assist them to effectively promote enjoyable and lifelong physical activity among youth, and that will assist school staff to recognize their influence as role models for active lifestyles;
- g. Establish relationships with community recreation and youth sports programs and agencies to coordinate and complement physical activity programs;
- h. Encourage physical activity recess periods; and
- i. Institute a tracking and evaluation method to ensure that all students are engaging in developmentally appropriate daily physical activity.

The District's Wellness Committee (formed pursuant to Board policy [\*\*] JLCF - Wellness) is charged with monitoring the implementation of this policy. At least as frequently as the Triennial Assessment required under Section II.C of [\*\*] JLCF, the Wellness Committee will report to the Superintendent with recommendations for how to advance the objectives stated above. The Superintendent will review the recommendations and report the same to the Board.

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NH Dept of Ed Regulation	Description
N.H. Code Admin. Rules Ed 306.04(b)(23)	Meeting the Special Physical Health Needs of Students
N.H. Code Admin. Rules Ed 310	Daily Physical Activity
Cross References	Description
JLCF	Wellness
JLCI	Coordinated School Health Program
JLCK	Special Physical Health Needs of Students



Book I: Instruction

Section Series I

Title Daily Physical Activity

Code IMAH

Status Active

Adopted February 1, 2007

Last Revised June 2, 2021

#### DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

The Board recognizes that developmentally appropriate daily physical activity, exercise and physical education are ways to minimize health risks created by chronic inactivity, childhood obesity, and other related health problems. The Board recommends that students and staff participate in a developmentally appropriate physical activity and exercise at for at least 30 to 60 minutes each day as a way to minimize these health risks. The Board recommends the following practices:

- 1. Encourage parents/guardians to support their children's participation in enjoyable physical activities, and recognize that parents/guardians act as role models for active lifestyles;
- 2. Support special programs such as student and staff walking programs, family fitness events, and events that emphasize lifelong physical activity;
- 3. Integrate health and physical activity across the school curriculum;
- 4. Encourage student-initiated activities that promote inclusive physical activity on a school-wide basis:
- 5. Commit adequate resources that include program funding, personnel, safe equipment, and facilities;
- 6. Provide professional development opportunities for all school staff that will assist them to effectively promote enjoyable and lifelong physical activity among youth, and that will assist school staff to recognize their influence as role models for active lifestyles;
- 7. Establish relationships with community recreation and youth sports programs and agencies to coordinate and complement physical activity programs;
- 8. Encourage physical activity recess periods; and
- 9. Institute a tracking and evaluation method to ensure that all students are engaging in developmentally appropriate daily physical activity.

## **Legal References:**

Ed 306.04(a)(17), Daily Physical Activity Ed 306.04(l), Daily Physical Activity

Ed 310, Daily Physical Activity

Last Modified by Kristen Noonan on June 8, 2021

Policy EBB: School Safety Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: 01/01/2006 | Last Revised Date: 08/01/2022 | Last Reviewed Date: 06/10/2025

Category: Priority/Required

ADOPTION/REVISION NOTES -

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- a. Former identical policy ADD was withdrawn with the 2020 Fall Policy Update. For additional notes see "NHSBA revision notes" below.
- b. **General** As with all sample policies, NHSBA recommends that each district carefully review this sample prior to adoption/revision to assure suitability with the district's own specific circumstances, internal coding system, current policies, and organizational structures.
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- e. **General** Withdrawn & earlier versions of revised policies should be maintained separately as part of the permanent records of the District.

NHSBA history: Revised - June 2025, Aug. 2022, Nov. 2020, June 2013; New policy - 2006.

NHSBA revision notes, June 2025, revised #2 to include language from new rule N.H. Code Admin. Rules Ed 306.04(b)(2) relative to definitions of "school property". August 2022, revised to change what was previously called the site-specific Emergency Response Plan to now be titled the site-specific Emergency Operations Plan, pursuant to HB 1125 (2022 N.H. Laws Ch. 187) and NHSBA sample policy EBCA. Added that the general safety plan will include: (1) the Sports Injury Emergency Action Plan and should include procedures for responding to serious or potentially life-threatening injuries sustained from sports or other school sponsored activities (NHSBA sample policy JLCJA) and (2) the District Communications Plan. November 2020. The most significant changes were (a) the incorporation of provisions which had previously been imbedded in policy EB/JLI, which now concerns only joint loss management provisions required under RSA 281-A:64, and (b) a reporting section relative to violence in schools (per 2020 N.H. Laws 38:14, HB1558). With the November 2020 update, NHSBA also withdrew former identical sample policy ADD. Finally, EBB has been recategorized as a Priority/Required by law policy per 306.04(a)(2).

The Board recognizes that effective learning and teaching takes place in a safe, secure, and welcoming environment and that safe schools contribute to improved attendance, increased student achievement, and community support. The practice of safety shall be considered a facet of the instructional programming of the District schools by incorporating concepts of safety appropriately geared to students at different grade levels.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for developing and maintaining a comprehensive safety program/plan for the District, taking into account applicable laws, regulations, Board policies, and best practices. While the comprehensive safety program need not be a single consolidated document, it should include:

- A. The District-wide Crisis Prevention and Response Plan prepared under policy \*\* EBCA, which, in turn, includes the site-specific Emergency Operations Plan for each school (see also RSA 189:64 and policy \*\* EBCA);
- B. The Sports Injury Emergency Action Plan prepared under policy (\*\*) JLCJA;
- C. The District Communication Plan [\*\*]EG; and
- D. The School Bus Safety Program established under policy \*\*\* EEAE.

Additionally, to the extent not included in the above specific Board directed plans, the Superintendent will address the following areas of emphasis in the comprehensive safety plan:

- 1. Procedures that address the supervision and security of school buildings and grounds. See also [\*\*]ECA.
- Procedures that address the safety and supervision of students on school property (as defined in RSA 193-D:1, V and RSA 193-F, V), during school hours and during school-sponsored activities whether or not on school property. See also \*\*\*JLIA.
- 3. Procedures that address persons visiting school buildings and attending school-sponsored activities. See also [\*\*]KI and [\*\*]KFA.
- 4. Training programs for staff and students in crisis prevention and management. See [\*\*] EBCA.
- 5. Training programs for staff and students in emergency response procedures that include practice drills for fire and all hazard as required by law and Board policy [\*\*]EBCB.
- 6. Training programs for staff and students in how to recognize and respond to behavior or other information that may indicate impending violence or other safety problems. See also [\*\*] EBCC.
- 7. Procedures and training to implement employee and work-place safety per Board policy [\*\*]EB.
- 8. Training and support for students that aims to relieve the fear, embarrassment, and peer pressure associated with reporting behavior that may indicate impending violence or other safety problems.
- 9. Procedures for safe and confidential reporting of security and safety concerns at each school building.
- 10. Procedures for regular assessments by school security/safety professionals and law enforcement officers to evaluate the security needs of each school building and to provide recommendations for improvements if necessary. See also [\*\*] ECA.
- 11. Procedures for periodic assessments by school climate professionals to determine whether students feel safe and to provide recommendations for improvements in school climate at each district building.
- 12. Procedures for managing the behavior of children, including, proper training and protocols relative to restraint and seclusions consistent with RSA 126-U and Board policy \*\*\* JKAA.
- 13. Training programs for staff and students in safety precautions and procedures related to fire prevention, natural disaster response, accident prevention, public health, traffic, bicycle and pedestrian safety, environmental hazards, civil defense, classroom and occupational safety, and special hazards associated with athletics and other extracurricular activities.
- 14. District and building level procedures to assure timely safe schools reporting to law enforcement, the N.H. Department, of Education and to the School Board as required under RSA 193-D:4.

Whenever the Superintendent delegates tasks relating to the above to other District personnel, that delegation should be recorded in a manner readily accessible to others in the instance of the Superintendent's absence or departure.

Each Principal shall be responsible for the supervision and implementation of components of the safety programs in his/her school, inclusive of school busses, school grounds (including playgrounds), during authorized school activities (such as field trips), within school building(s) (including classrooms and laboratories), off school grounds during school sanctioned activities (including, but not limited to, work-based learning and internships), and in the use of online resources.

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NH Statutes Description

RSA 193-D Safe School Zones

RSA 193-F Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention

RSA 193-F:3 Definitions (Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention)

RSA 281-A:64 Worker's Compensation, Safety Provisions; Administrative Penalty

NH Dept of Ed Regulation

N.H. Code Admin. Rules Ed 306.04(b)(2)

School Safety

Cross References Description

EB Workplace Safety Program & Joint Loss Management Committee

EBBB Accident Reports

EBCA Crisis Prevention and Emergency Response Plans

EBCB Fire and All Hazard Drills

EBCC False Alarms, Bomb, Active Shooter and Other Such Threats

ECA Buildings and Grounds Security

EEAE School Bus Safety Program

School Bus Safety Program - Safety Guidelines for Parents/Guardians of

**Students Using School Buses** 

EG <u>Creation of Communication Plan</u>
JKAA <u>Use of Restraints and Seclusion</u>

JLCJA Emergency Plan for Sports Related Injuries and Additional Protocols for

**Athletics Participation** 

JLIA <u>Supervision of Students</u>

KFA Conduct on School Property

KFA-R(1) Conduct on School Property - Assaults

KI Visitors to the Schools



Book E: Support Services

Section Series E

Title School Safety

Code EBB

Status Active

Adopted October 15, 2013

Last Revised August 20, 2024

## **SCHOOL SAFETY**

The Board recognizes that effective learning and teaching takes place in a safe, secure, and welcoming environment and that safe schools contribute to improved attendance, increased student achievement, and community support. The practice of safety shall be considered a facet of the instructional programming of the District schools by incorporating concepts of safety appropriately geared to students at different grade levels.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for developing and maintaining a comprehensive safety program/plan for the District, taking into account applicable laws, regulations, Board policies, and best practices. While the comprehensive safety program need not be a single consolidated document, it should include:

- A. The District-wide Crisis Prevention and Response Plan prepared under policy EBCA, which, in turn, includes the site-specific Emergency Operations Plan for each school (see also RSA 189:64 and policy EBCA);
- B. The Sports Injury Emergency Action Plan prepared under policy JLCJA;
- C. The District Communication Plan EG; and
- D. The School Bus Safety Program established under policy EEAE.

Additionally, to the extent not included in the above specific Board directed plans, the Superintendent will address the following areas of emphasis in the comprehensive safety plan:

1. Procedures that address the supervision and security of school buildings and grounds. See also ECA.

2. Procedures that address the safety and supervision of students during school hours and school-sponsored activities. See also JLIA.

- 3. Procedures that address persons visiting school buildings and attending school-sponsored activities. See also KI and KFA.
- 4. Training programs for staff and students in crisis prevention and management. See EBCA.
- 5. Training programs for staff and students in emergency response procedures that include practice drills for fire and all hazard as required by law and Board policy EBCB.
- 6. Training programs for staff and students in how to recognize and respond to behavior or other information that may indicate impending violence or other safety problems. See also EBCC.
- 7. Procedures and training to implement employee and work-place safety per Board policy EB.
- 8. Training and support for students that aims to relieve the fear, embarrassment, and peer pressure associated with reporting behavior that may indicate impending violence or other safety problems.
- 9. Procedures for safe and confidential reporting of security and safety concerns at each school building.
- 10. Procedures for regular assessments by school security/safety professionals and law enforcement officers to evaluate the security needs of each school building and to provide recommendations for improvements if necessary. See also ECA.
- 11. Procedures for periodic assessments by school climate professionals to determine whether students feel safe and to provide recommendations for improvements in school climate at each district building.
- 12. Procedures for managing the behavior of children, including, proper training and protocols relative to restraint and seclusions consistent with RSA 126-U and Board policy JKAA.
- 13. Training programs for staff and students in safety precautions and procedures related to fire prevention, natural disaster response, accident prevention, public health, traffic, bicycle and pedestrian safety, environmental hazards, civil defense, classroom and occupational safety, and special hazards associated with athletics and other extracurricular activities.
- 14. District and building level procedures to assure timely safe schools reporting to law enforcement the N.H. Department. of Education and the School Board as required under RSA 193-D:4.

Whenever the Superintendent delegates tasks relating to the above to other District personnel, that delegation should be recorded in a manner readily accessible to others in the instance of the Superintendent's absence or departure.

Each Principal shall be responsible for the supervision and implementation of components of the safety programs in his/her school, inclusive of school busses, school grounds (including playgrounds), during

authorized school activities (such as field trips), within school building(s) (including classrooms and laboratories), off school grounds during school sanctioned activities (including, but not limited to, workbased learning and internships), and in the use of online resources.

Revision History: 8/20/2024, 1/5/2021, 12/5/2020

## **Legal References:**

RSA 193-D, Safe School Zones

RSA 193-F, Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention

RSA 281-A:64, Safety Provisions

N.H. Dept. of Education Administrative Rule – Ed. 306.04(a)(2), and 306.04(d), Promoting School Safety

Related Policies: EB, EBCA, EBCB

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**Policy EBCH: Chemical Safety and Chemical Hygiene Plan** 

Original Adopted Date: 09/30/2024 | Last Reviewed Date: 05/30/2025

Category: Priority / Required

ADOPTION/REVISION NOTES -

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- a. General As with all sample policies, NHSBA recommends that each district carefully review this sample prior to adoption/revision to assure suitability with the district's own specific circumstances, internal coding system, current policies, and organizational structures.
- b. General Highlighted language or blank, underscored spaces indicate areas which boards should review, change or complete to reflect local personnel titles, internal/external policy references, duty assignments etc.
- c. General {\*\*} indicates a reference to another NHSBA sample policy. A district should check its own current policies and codes to assure internal consistency.
- d. General Withdrawn & earlier versions of revised policies should be maintained separately as part of the permanent records of the District.

NHSBA history: Revised - June 2025. New policy - September 2024.

NHSBA revision history: June 2025, revised policy to reflect the requirement embedded in the Chemical Hygiene Plan template for an annual audit. September 30, 2024, NHSBA created this new sample policy (a) to satisfy a requirement in NH Ed 320.02(b)(3) that districts have a policy to minimize the use of toxic chemicals, and provisions prohibiting employees from bringing their own cleaning products or pesticides into school buildings, and (b) to include information regarding the requirement under Ed 320.02(b)(8) that districts create a chemical hygiene plan with elements as described in that section of Ed 320.02. The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission has graciously made available a sample Chemical Hygiene Plan template for districts to use in preparing their own plans. That template is provided as EBCH-E(1).

A. **Purpose.** The Board's objective is to help ensure a healthy, clean, and safe learning and work environment for students, employees, and others present on school property. The policy accomplishes this in two ways. First, it establishes standards regarding the use and handling of toxic chemicals for cleaning and pest control. Second, it directs the creation of a chemical hygiene and safety plan (the "Plan") for managing hazardous substances on District property and responding to any emergencies resulting from hazardous substances. This Plan shall include all points where hazardous substances might be used and or stored on District property, including, but not limited to, materials used in connection with: chemistry and other science labs, art rooms, shop classes, food services, facilities and groundskeeping, or custodial services.

"Hazardous substances" as used in this Policy shall mean and include any material specifically designated as hazardous by state or federal law, or any other substance or mixture of substances which may be explosive, ignitable, corrosive, reactive, or toxic.

B. Plan Preparation and Contents. The Board directs the Superintendent/Communication Committee or other personnel/committee or other personnel/committee to prepare a Chemical Hygiene Plan that complies with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations which pertain to the proper management of hazardous materials. When necessary, the District shall contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to obtain relevant information regarding hazardous substances.

Additionally, the Plan shall address at least the following:

- 1. Identification and inventory of hazardous materials describing a process by which hazardous substances will be identified and inventoried, and may include a classification system for grouping hazardous materials for purposes of acquisition, storage, use, disposal, record-keeping, and emergency response.
- 2. General provisions outlining response Hazardous Substance Emergencies, with such items as responsible

personnel, required resources, decision making ladders, message-specific templates, parental notification, media plans, etc.; these provisions shall be incorporated into the District Crisis Prevention and Response Plan[Endnote $^{\bar{1}}$ ] \_\_\_\_\_\_ and site-specific Emergency Operations Plans prepared under Board policy {\*\*}EBCA;

- 3. Special provisions for specific substances, e.g., and as pertinent:
  - a. Criteria for acquisition
  - b. Storage
  - c. Use
  - d. Disposal
  - e. Incident prevention
  - f. Special provisions relative to accidental release or other emergency;
- 4. Provisions to minimize the use of toxic chemicals for cleaning or pest control, including the prohibition of staff bringing cleaning products or pesticides onto District property without prior approval from the administration;
- 5. Procedures required for staff to obtain approval from school administration in order to bring cleaning products or pesticides onto District property:
- 6. Protocols and procedures relative to implementation of the Plan, including staff responsibilities by individual position and/or generalized;
- 7. Provisions relative to staff training, including such items as individualized and general training, who is responsible for ensuring training is conducted and updated, frequency, how and by whom training syllabi are established; Additionally, employees receiving such training will be encouraged to make less dangerous substitutions for hazardous substances to the extent possible and to minimize the generation of such substances;
- 8. Provisions proposing consequences and/or remedies for employees who fail to adhere to the Plan or established procedures;
- 9. Provisions relating to student training and proposed sanctions/remedies/interventions to be included in applicable[Student Codes of Conduct \_\_\_\_\_ and/or handbooks];
- 10. Protocols for reporting general (non-emergency concerns regarding hazardous substances on District property; and
- 11. A requirement for an annual chemical hygiene plan audit and report.

See NH Ed 320, specifically Ed 320.02(b)(8), for additional guidance on chemical hygiene Plan content.

- C. <u>Prohibition of Introduction of Cleaning Products or Pesticides by School Staff</u>. No employee or designated volunteer may bring any cleaning products or pesticides onto District property without prior approval of the school administration, or as specifically provided in the Plan.
- D. Biennial Review and Update. The Superintendent and/or designee shall ensure that the Plan, the annual audit reports required under B.11 above, and all procedures and protocols adopted pursuant to this policy are reviewed no less than every two (2) years and updated as necessary. The Copies of the updated Plan and procedures should be provided to the Board no later than the start of each school year. Recommendations requiring Board policy changes should be brought to the [Policy Committee and] Board as soon as reasonably practicable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> [Delete fn.] NHSBA sample policy EBCA directs the creation of a coordinated "District-wide Crisis Prevention and Emergency Response Plan", which, among other things, includes each of the statutorily required site-specific Emergency Operations Plans (see RSA 189:64). Districts which do not adopt EBCA nonetheless must file annual site specific Emergency Operation Plans, which include some provisions relating to communications in event of certain emergencies.

Distr	t Policy History:
	First reading: Second reading/adopted:
	District revision history:

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NH Dept of Ed Regulation Description

N.H. Code Admin. Rules Ed 320 School Facility Approval Process

Cross References Description

EBCA Crisis Prevention and Emergency Response Plans

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# **ExhibitPDF EBCH-E(1): Chemical Safety and Chemical Hygiene Plan - Plan Template**

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Book E: Support Services

Section Series E

Title Chemical Safety and Chemical Hygiene Plan

Code EBCH
Status Active

Adopted February 4, 2025
Last Revised February 4, 2025

#### Chemical Safety and Chemical Hygiene Plan

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"Hazardous substances" as used in this Policy shall mean and include any material specifically designated as hazardous by state or federal law, or any other substance or mixture of substances ignitable, corrosive, reactive, or toxic.

B. <u>Plan Preparation and Contents</u>. The Board directs the Superintendent or their designee to prepare a Chemical Hygiene Plan that complies with all local, state, and federal laws and regulat proper management of hazardous materials. When necessary, the District shall contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and (EPA) a

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- 10. Protocols for reporting general (non-emergency concerns regarding hazardous substances on District property.

See NH Ed 320, specifically Ed 320.02(b)(8), for additional guidance on chemical hygiene Plan content.

C. <u>Prohibition of Introduction of Cleaning Products or Pesticides by School Staff</u>. No employee or designated volunteer may bring any cleaning products or pesticides onto District project the school administration, or as specifically provided in the Plan.

D. <u>Biennial Review and Update</u>. The Superintendent and/or designee shall ensure that the Plan and all procedures and protocols adopted pursuant to this policy are reviewed no less than every necessary. The Copies of the updated Plan and procedures should be provided to the Board no later than the start of each school year. Recommendations requiring Board policy changes shoul Committee and Board as soon as reasonably practicable.

District revision history: 2/4/2025,

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NH Dept of Ed Regulation Description

N.H. Code Admin. Rules Ed 320 <u>School Facility Approval Process</u>

Cross References

Code Description

EBCA <u>Crisis Prevention and Emergency Response Plans</u>

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Book D: Fiscal Management

Section Series D

Title Revenues from Investments

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Status Active

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Last Reviewed July 16, 2024

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#### REVENUES FROM INVESTMENTS

The purpose of the Policy is to comply with RSA 197:23-a, IV which requires the School Board to at least annually review and adopt an investment policy for the investment of public funds in conformance with the provisions of applicable statutes. The School Board authorizes the School District Treasurer to invest the School District's funds subject to the following objectives and standards of care.

This investment policy applies to all public funds held in the custody of the School District's Treasurer.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The primary object of this investment policy is to provide for, first and foremost, the safety of principal, as well as sufficient liquidity to support operations while generating a reasonable investment yield.

The specific investment policy objectives are:

- 1. Safety of principal is the foremost objective in this policy. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital by mitigating credit and interest rate risk. This will be accomplished by limiting the type of investments and institutions to those stipulated by statute and fully covered by FDIC insurance or collateral approved pursuant to applicable law.
- 2. To maintain sufficient liquidity to meet operating requirements for the School District.
- 3. Yield. The investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and liquidity needs. Return on investment is of secondary importance compared to the safety and liquidity objectives described above.

#### 1. STANDARDS OF CARE

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Prudence activity carried out under this Investment Policy shall be conducted in accordance with the "prudent person" standard in which investments shall be made with the judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived.

#### 2. ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The treasurer and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution and management of the investment program, or that could impair their ability to make impartial decisions.

Employees and investment officials shall disclose any material interests in financial institutions with which they conduct business. They shall further disclose any personal financial/investment positions that could be related to the performance of the investment portfolio.

Employees and officers shall refrain from undertaking personal investment transactions with the same individual with whom business is conducted on behalf of the School District.

## 3. INTERNAL CONTROLS

The Treasurer and Superintendent or his/her designee shall design and maintain internal controls to prevent the losses of public funds arising from fraud, employee error, misrepresentation by third parties, unanticipated changes in financial markets, and imprudent actions by employees and officers of the School District.

The Treasurer and Superintendent or his/her designee will be responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurances that these objectives are met.

The internal controls shall be reviewed periodically by the School District's independent auditors and the School Board.

## **REVIEW**

This Policy shall be reviewed at least annually by the School Board with changes made as warranted followed by re-adoption by the Board. The Board reserves the right to implement changes to this Policy if it is deemed in the School District's best interests.

Policy References:

Policy References:

Category – Priority/Required by law

Law References:

RSA 197:23-a, Treasurer's Duties; RSA 383:22, Public Deposit Investment Pool

RSA 197:23-a. 393:22

Policy Cross References:

DFA-R - Investment of School District Funds

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» DFA-R - Investment of School District Funds

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Book J: Students

Section Series J

Title Suicide Prevention and Response Plan

Code JLDBB Status Active

Adopted March 3, 2020

Last Revised December 6, 2022

Last Reviewed October 1, 2024

Next Review July 1, 2025

#### SUICIDE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PLAN

The School Board is committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of its students and school community. This policy supports federal, state and local efforts to provide education on youth suicide awareness and prevention; to establish methods of prevention, intervention, and response to suicide or suicide attempt ("postvention"); and to promote access to suicide awareness, prevention and postvention resources.

- A. District Suicide Prevention Plan and Biennial Review. The District shall maintain a coordinated written District Suicide Prevention Plan (the "Plan") to include guidelines, protocols and procedures with the objectives of prevention, risk assessment, intervention and response to youth suicides and suicide attempts.
- 1. Specific Requirements for Plan Terms: The District Suicide Prevention Plan shall include terms relating to:
  - a. Suicide prevention (risk factors, warning signs, protective factors, referrals);
  - b. Response to in-or-out-of-school student suicides or suicide attempts (postvention, suicide contagion);
  - c. Student education regarding safe and healthy choices, coping strategies, recognition of risk factors and warning signs of mental disorders and suicide; and help seeking strategies;
  - d. Training of staff, designated volunteers, and contracted personnel on the issues of youth suicide risk factors, warning signs, protective factors, response procedures, referrals, post-intervention and resources available within the school and community;
  - e. Confidentiality considerations;
  - f. Designation of any personnel, in addition to the District Suicide Prevention Coordinator and Building Suicide Prevention Liaisons, to act as points of contact when students are believed to be at an elevated risk of suicide;
  - g. Information regarding state and community resources for referral, crisis intervention, and other related information;
  - h. Dissemination of the Plan or information about the Plan to students, parents, faculty, staff, and school volunteers;
  - i. Promotion of cooperative efforts between the District and its schools and community suicide prevention program personnel;
  - j. Such include such other provisions deemed appropriate to meet the objectives of this Policy (e.g., student handbook language, reporting processes, "postvention" strategies, memorial parameters, etc.).
- 2. Biennial Review: No less than once every two years, the Superintendent, in consultation [with the District Suicide Prevention Coordinator and Building Suicide Prevention Liaisons with input and evidence from community health or suicide prevention organizations, and District health and guidance personnel, shall update the District Suicide Prevention Plan, and present the same to the Board for review. Such Plan updates shall be submitted to the Board in time for appropriate budget consideration.
- B. Suicide Prevention Coordinator and Liaisons.
  - 1. District Suicide Prevention Coordinator, who, under the direction of the Superintendent shall be responsible for:
    - a. developing and maintaining cooperative relationships with and coordination efforts between the District and community suicide prevention programs and personnel;
    - b. annual updating of (i) State and community crisis or intervention referral intervention information, and (ii) names and contact information of Building Suicide Prevention Liaisons, for inclusion in student handbooks and on the District's website;
    - c. developing or assisting individual teachers with the development of age appropriate student educational programming, such that all students receive information in the importance of safe and healthy choices and coping strategies, recognizing risk factors and warning signs of mental disorders and suicide in oneself and others, and providing help-seeking strategies for oneself or others, including how to engage school resources and refer friends for help;
    - d. developing or assisting in the development of the annual staff training required under Section C of this policy;
    - e. Such other duties as referenced in this Policy or as assigned by the Superintendent.
- C. Annual Staff Training. The Superintendent shall assure that beginning with the 2020-21 school year, all school building faculty and staff, designated volunteers, and any other personnel who have regular contact with students, including contracted personnel or third-party employees, receive at least two hours of training in suicide awareness and prevention. Such training may include such matters as youth suicide risk factors, warning signs, protective factors, intervention, response procedures, referrals, and postvention and local resources.

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D. Dissemination. Student handbooks and the District's website will be updated each year with the contact information for the Building Suicide Prevention Liaisons, State and community crisis or intervention referral intervention resources. The District Suicide Prevention Plan will be made available on the District's, and each school's respective websites.

E. Student Identification Cards. The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline shall be labeled on student identification cards for grades 6-12 and read: "Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: Call 988" Prior to the start of each school year, the Superintendent shall certify that the contact information for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is accurate and up to date. **Note:** Beginning August 13, 2024, RSA 193-K:1 requires that all new or replacement student identification cards for grades 6-12 shall also include the telephone number for the National Alliance for Eating Disorders - **866-662-1235.** 

**Revision Dates:** 10/1/2024, 3/6/2022

NH Statutes Description

RSA 193-J <u>Suicide Prevention Education</u>

RSA 193-J:2-a <u>Suicide Prevention; Public School Identification Cards</u>

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# Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD) **School Board Meeting Minutes** June 17, 2025 (Not Yet Approved) Monadnock Regional Middle/High School, Swanzey, NH

School Board Members Present: Kristen Noonan, Edmond LaPlante, Rachel Vogt, Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas, Gina Carraro, Jennifer Strimbeck, Scott Peters, Lisa Steadman, Betty Tatro, Eric Stanley and Hannah Blood. Absent: Brian Bohannon and Jeff Cesaitis.

Administration Present: J. Rathbun, Superintendent and J. Morin, Business Administrator.

- 1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER at 7:00 PM: S. Peters called the meeting to order.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: L. Steadman informed the Board that her son Max is involved in the Special Heros Cup Games on July 11, 2025. The event is in Nashua and she has tickets available.
- **3.** #celebrateMRSD: Troy School students thanked the School Board for the Ecology Trip they were able to attend with the support of the Board.

The Baseball Team won the State Championship. Gavin Lombara won the State Championship in the 100 dash and 200 dash and the 110 hurdles and 210 hurdles at the Meet of Champions. Very impressive to come in first in both. The Special Olympics Team also finished as champions. **MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to approve swag for the Baseball Team, the Track Champion and the Special Olympics. **SECOND:** H. Blood. **VOTE:** 10.771/0/0/2.229. Motion passes.

## 4. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

- Overview of Summer Programming and Professional Development: J. Rathbun shared the work that L. Spencer has done. Over the summer there will be Title II training and 504 training. The Middle School will dive into the data from the IReady and State Testing. The high school will also dive into the same data and ELA. The Behavior data, Science and Algebra will be reviewed. At the elementary level groups will be looking at standard practices and homework. MTC and Cutler will work on the upcoming merger. The administration will attend the Innovative Schools Conference which is funded by Title II grants. J. Rathbun gave a shout out to L. Spencer. She heard the Board had concerns in those areas and
- hit those items.
- J.Rathbun explained that all of the elementary schools are shut down for construction this summer. All of the summer programs are being held at the MRMHS. There are 300 kids in the summer program and over 100 students in the summer school tutoring program. He said a lot is going on in the school but it is nice to see all of the students Pre K-12 in the building. The little ones are running around but separate from the older kids.

## 5. MATTERS THAT REQUIRE BUDGET COMMITTEE ACTION:

**Tennis Court Bids:** The Board received two quotes to completely redo the tennis courts. Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing came in with the lowest bid. The bid is

based on the May 1, 2025 cost of asphalt. It was the intent of the Fin/Fac Committee to withdraw the funds from the Building and Grounds Expendable Trust. K. Noonan suggested withdrawing half from the Trust and half from the 2024/25 unallocated fund balance. **MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to award the Tennis Court bid to Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing, \$115,000 to be funded from the 2024/25 Unexpended Fund Balance, if available and the balance to be funded from the Building and Grounds Expendable Trust. **SECOND:** K. Noonan **VOTE:** 10.771/0/0/2.229 **Motion passes.** 

- b. Instrument Rentals: J.Rathbun explained that the band numbers were down and the Board voted to use the CARES Funds to pay for the instrument rentals previously. Currently, there are a number of students who are showing an interest in playing an instrument. The cost to support this will be less than \$50,000. This will be funded by an open paraprofessional position. This position has been open for 3 ½ years and would not be the first filled if there are people to fill the vacancies. MOTION: B. Tatro MOVED to approve the proposal to eliminate an unfilled MRMHS regular education paraprofessional position in order to fund instrumental rentals. SECOND: C. McDaniel-Thomas VOTE: J. Cesaitis-abstain and remaining members-yes. Motion passes.
  - **c. Motion to Encumber Unallocated Funds:** There was no motion proposed.
- d. Motion for Proposed Budget Research Items: MOTION: R. Vogt MOVED to ask the administration to research the cost of a dedicated coordinator or manager position to oversee the alternative learning and/or ELO. SECOND: K. Noonan DISCUSSION: C. McDaniel-Thomas asked if there are any other items, any other positions that the administration will propose if they see fit. VOTE: 10.771/0/0/2.229. Motion passes. MOTION: S. Peters MOVED to ask the administration to research the cost of a facilities engineering feasibility study for the SAU and support offices (to include all Swanzey administrative buildings). SECOND: K. Noonan. DISCUSSION: E. Stanley suggested selling Wilcox. J.Rathbun commented that the cost of the study is not 5 figures. VOTE: E. LaPlante-abstain and remaining members-yes. Motion passes.
- e. Fair Funding Letter and Meeting: MOTION: to empower S. Peters and K. Noonan to act as emissaries to the State of NH for any school funding meetings that occur and to promote the Fair Funding Letter as proposed by the Fair Funding Coordination Team. SECOND: B. Tatro. VOTE: G. Carraro-no, E. LaPlante-no and remaining members-yes. Motion passes.
- **f. Approve Data Governance Plan (policy EHAB):** It was explained that it is the Board's obligation to review and approve the Data Governance Plan each year. J. Rathbun explained that there are no changes and we are in compliance with State Law. **MOTION:** B. Tatro. **MOVED** to approve the Data Governance Plan as written. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** 10.771/0/0/2.229. **Motion passes.**
- **g. Approve Instructional Plan (policy IJ):** The Board will discuss at the next meeting in July.
  - h. Policies for First Read:
    - i. IGDJ-Interscholastic Athletics:
    - ii. LJOC-Volunteers:

- iii. **KF-Use of Facilities and KF-Application: MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to accept the policy motions as presented by the Policy Committee. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** 10.771/0/0/2.229. **Motion passes.**
- i. Sealed Minutes Log: J. Rathbun explained L. Sutton has a SEALED Minute Log and some of the minutes do not have a date to release and are not approved. He would ask a few Board Members to sit down with L. Sutton and go over the SEALED Minutes. MOTION: E. Stanley MOVED to approve S. Peters and K. Noonan to review the SEALED Minutes that do not have Board approval or a specific release date. SECOND: B. Tatro. VOTE: 10.771/0/0/2.229. Motion passes.
- j. Approve the Consent Agenda: June 3, 2025 Minutes, Non-Public Minutes, Budget Transfers and Manifest: \$ 3,103,290.03. MOTION: B. Tatro MOVED to accept the June 3, 2025 Public Meeting Minutes and Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented, to approve the manifest in the amount of \$ 3,103,290.03 and to approve the following budget transfers as follows: a request from J. Morin and T. Breen in the amount of \$38,800.00 from the MRMHS Admin.Asst. Salaries lines, MTC Health Salaries and Emerson Spec. Ed, Health Ins lines to the MRMHS Electricity lines, MTC Electricity line and the Emerson Electricity line, a request from J. Morin in the amount of \$7120.00 from the SRO Reimbursement line to the Food Supplemental line and a request from J. Morin in the amount of \$17,381.00 from the MRMHS Library Aide Salary line to the Retired Employee Expense line. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** 10.771/0/0/2.229. **Motion passes.**

## 6. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

- a. July 15, 2025
- b. Fin/Fac. Report
- c. Policy IJ
- d. Goals
- **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** J.Rathbun passed out Teacher Appreciation swag the staff had received to the Board.
- **8. 8:17 PM ENTER INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION** (b) The hiring of any person as a **public employee: MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes**
- **9. 8:39 PM ENTER INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION (c): MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to enter into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely adversely affect the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting: **SECOND:** C.McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
- 10. MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOTION: K. Noonan MOVED to adjourn the Board Meeting

at 8:41 PM. SECOND: H. Blood VOTE: Unanimous for those present. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis Recording Secretary

VOTING KEY: Yes/No/Abstain/Absent

# Monadnock Regional School District School Board Meeting Minutes Non-Public Session June 17, 2025 (Not Yet Approved) MRMHS Library/Zoom, Swanzey, NH

**Members Present:** Kristen Noonan, Jeff Cesaitis, Betty Tatro, Lisa Steadman, Scott Peters, Edmond LaPlante, Eric Stanley, Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas, Jennifer Strimbeck, Rachel Vogt and Gina Carraro. **Absent:** Brian Bohannon and Hannah Blood.

Administration Present: J. Rathbun, Superintendent and J. Morin, Business Administrator.

8:17 PM Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee:

**Issue #1: New Staff:** J. Rathbun informed the Board that he has hired Jessica Houle, Anthony Lafond and Jacqueline Rybicki.

**Issue #2: Request to reconsider salary:** Two weeks ago the Board voted on salary increases for the unaffiliated employees. J. Rathbun explained that he has been approached by a single employee who appreciated the increase but felt due to salary comparisons with other schools at the employee's position, the employee felt the increase should be more. The Board discussed the issue in detail and decided to take no action.

**MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to leave Non-Public Session. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.** 

Respectfully submitted,

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8:39 PM Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely adversely affect the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting.

**Issue #1:** J. Rathbun informed the Board Orysia Petrosh, a paraprofessional, has rescinded her resignation.

**Issue #2:** J. Rathbun informed the Board that Jillian Howe, a paraprofessional at Troy has resigned.

**MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to leave non-public session. **SECOND:** H. Blood. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.** 

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis Recording Secretary