
SPECIAL PHYSICAL HEALTH NEEDS OF STUDENTS

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.

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.

Legal References:

NH Department of Education Administrative Rule Ed 306(a)(22), Meeting the Special Physical Health Needs of Students

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.*

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