

**Student Health Services**

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

Responsibilities of the school nurse include, but are not limited to: providing direct health care to students and staff; providing leadership for the provision of health services; promoting a healthy school environment; promoting health; serving in a leadership role for health policies and programs; and serving as a liaison between school personnel, family, community, and health care providers. Additionally, the school nurse is responsible for developing procedures to address and meet special physical health needs of students. Such procedures may be developed and implemented on a case-by-case basis.

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

Emergency medical care will be provided pursuant to the guidelines of Ashland School Board Policy #5140, Emergency Care.

Any pupil who is required to take prescribed medication during the school day will do so consistent with the provisions of Department of Education Rule 311.02. Clarification of these provisions are found in Ashland School Board Policy #5141, Medication During the School Day.

In addition to the provisions of this policy, the school nurse is responsible for the oversight of other school services, including but not limited to: assessing and responding to student health needs, maintaining accurate health records, screening for vision, hearing and BMI according to national and/or state recommendations, participating on 504 and IEP teams (if requested), health promotion, disease and injury prevention initiatives, student wellness, and other responsibilities and services as dictated by law or Board policy.

**Legal References:**

*RSA 200:27, School Health Services*

*RSA 200:29, School Nurse*

*RSA 200:31, School Health Personnel*

*RSA 326-B, Nurse Practice Act*

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

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 311, School Health Services*

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