

PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY JLC – STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Category: Priority

Related Policies: EBBC/JLCE, JLCD & JLCG

The Board may appoint a school nurse to function in the school health program and to provide school health services.

School Nurse Qualifications and Responsibilities

A school nurse shall be a registered professional nurse licensed in New Hampshire and certified by the New Hampshire Department of Education. The Board may employ or contract with a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), a Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA) or a Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) 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 the oversight of other school services, including but not limited to: assessing and responding to individual student health needs through Individual Healthcare Plans, maintaining accurate health records, participating on 504 and Individual Education Plan (IEP) teams (as needed or required), health promotion, disease and injury prevention initiatives, student wellness, and other responsibilities and services as dictated by law or Board policy. Finally, the school nurse will assist the administration in developing/updating forms necessary and appropriate for health-related issues (e.g., emergency, individual student health needs, administration of medication, etc.).

Injuries, Illness, and Medications

All injuries or illnesses occurring during the school day are to be reported to the school nurse or the building principal. 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 to the supervising adult. The school nurse, principal, or designee will notify parents/ guardians before a student who is injured or ill that requires medical follow-up or monitoring is permitted to go home. Students will not be dismissed from school due to injury or illness without first notifying either the school nurse or principal as well as the student's parent/guardian or other person identified on the student's emergency contact form on file with the school.

Emergency medical care will be provided pursuant to the guidelines of Board Policy EBBC/JLCE.

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 and Board Policy JLCD.

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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