

Category R

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

All injuries or illnesses occurring during the school day are to be reported to the school nurse or the building principal. The school nurse, principal or designee will notify parents before a student who is injured or ill is permitted to go home. Students will not be allowed to leave school without first notifying either the school nurse or principal of his/her injury or illness. Additionally, parental notification and authorization is necessary before any student will be released from school due to injury or illness.

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 is in Board Policy JLCD and Appendix JLCD-R.

Students attending school during the extended day, night, or summer school, or any other time when the school nurse is not in the building, are to report to the supervising adult.

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 and hearing according to national 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, Sec. Ed. 311, School Health Services

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