STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

In accordance with RSA 200:31, the School Board may appoint a school nurse to provide school health services and serve as a health services resource in school matters. A school nurse shall be a registered nurse licensed in New Hampshire; however, the Board may employ or contract with a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to work under the direct supervision of a Registered Nurse (RN) in accordance with RSA 326B:2(X).

Responsibilities of the school nurse shall include, but shall not be 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 and wellness; serving in a leadership role for health policies and programs; advising the school administrator on school health matters; 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 school nurse, principal, or designee will notify the student's parents or guardian before a student who is injured or ill is permitted to go home. Students will not be allowed to leave school without first notifying the school nurse or principal of the injury or illness. Additionally, the notification of and authorization by the student's parents or guardian is necessary before the student will be released from school due to injury or illness except in emergency circumstances. 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 who will follow the appropriate procedures.

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

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

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