

HEALTH

The board of education believes that good health is vital to successful learning. In order to help district students achieve and maintain good health, the board directs the superintendent to develop a program of student health services which employs professional personnel and interacts with both parents/guardians and community health agencies. The program shall include but not be limited to:

- A. Employment of a medical inspector to perform those duties required by law, and to advise the superintendent on all matters affecting the health of students;
- B. Employment of at least one certified school nurse to assist with physical examinations; conduct biennial scoliosis screening; conduct an audiometric screening; maintain pupil health records; observe and recommend to the principal the exclusion of pupils who show evidence of communicable disease or who have not submitted acceptable evidence of immunizations; instruct teachers on communicable diseases and other health concerns; train and supervise the emergency administration of epinephrine for school staff who have been designated as delegates; supervise other nursing tasks; provide appropriate response to Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders; maintain valid, current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification; review and summarize health and medical information for the Child Study Team; write and update annually the accommodation plan under Section 504 for any student who requires one;
- C. Provision of proper and adequate facilities, equipment and supplies for professional health personnel and other staff;
- D. Establishment of a system of student health records in compliance with state law;
- E. Implement the Core Curriculum Content Standards in physical education, health, family life, safety, and use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco and anabolic steroids; recommendations for appropriate equipment and supplies to teach such courses;
- F. Development of rules and procedures to foster good student health, and periodic dissemination of these rules and procedures to the staff at the beginning of each school year;
- G. Development of a program to provide safe drinking water and otherwise to maintain the buildings, grounds, facilities and equipment of the district in sanitary condition in accordance with law;
- H. Development and enforcement of an eye protection program as required by statute and administrative code;
- I. A regular report to the board on progress and accomplishments in the field of student health;
- J. Health services to staff which support student health;
- K. Provision of emergency services for injury and sudden illness;
- L. Provision for required physical examinations including an examination to certify that a student returning to school after suffering a contagious/infectious condition or illness is no longer a threat to the health of others;
- M. Development of all regulations and procedures necessary for evaluation of students suspected of being under the influence of drugs/alcohol, tobacco or anabolic steroids;
- N. Encouragement of correction of defects through fully informing students and parents/guardians concerning the findings of health examinations for scoliosis.
- O. Preparation for the potential disruption of a pandemic flu outbreak, such as avian flu, by filling out a school preparedness checklist available from www.pandemicflu.gov or NJSBA, with periodic reports to the school board on steps the district has already taken, as well as additional steps that need to be taken, to prepare for a flu pandemic.

Annual Nursing Plan

The superintendent (or his/her designee) in conjunction with the school physician and the certified school nurse shall develop an annual Nursing Services Plan that details the provision of nursing

services based upon the needs of the students in this school district. The Nursing Services Plan shall be adopted annually at a regular meeting and submitted to the county superintendent of education for review and approval. The nursing services plan shall include:

- A. A description of the basic nursing services provided all students;
- B. A summary of specific medical needs of individual students and the services required to address the needs;
- C. A description of how nursing services will be provided in an emergency;
- D. Detailed nursing assignments for all school buildings;
- E. The nursing services and additional medical services provided to nonpublic schools.

Nonpublic School Pupil

The board shall provide mandated nursing services to nonpublic school pupils as required by law. See Policy 5200.

The operation of the student health program shall be at all times in compliance with the rules and regulations of the state department of education, local board of health and the state department of health and senior services, and state department of human services. The board shall review and adopt the regulations developed to implement the district's health services.

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Legal References

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Monitored:

Indicators 7.6, 7.7

Mandated:

N.J.S.A. 18A:40-25b requires boards to adopt policy and procedures extending the emergency care provided to public school pupils to those pupils who are enrolled full time in the nonpublic school who are injured or become ill at school or during participation on a school team or squad.

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.4(a)1 through –1.4(a)21 require written board policy and procedures on a wide range of policy topics related to pupil health, safety and welfare.

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.4(b) requires the board to adopt policies and procedures to satisfy all rules and regulations of the Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Human Services and local boards of health.

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1(b) details the specific requirements of the mandated annual Nursing Services Plan. The development and adoption of the annual Nursing Services Plan is mandated in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.4(a)5.

Other Reasons:

N.J.S.A. 18A:40-25a requires boards to provide certain health services to nonpublic pupils (See 5200).

N.J.S.A. 18A:40-26 permits boards to adopt policies and procedures to provide additional health services to nonpublic school pupils.

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.1 et seq. requires that all employees be informed of many aspects of these policies and procedures.

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1 et seq. describes general health services that must be provided to students, including necessary personnel, required medical examinations, other required school health services, and nursing services to nonpublic school students.

N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.1 et seq. requires the board to adopt written policies and procedures for various aspects of establishing and maintaining safe sanitary learning environment. N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.3 requires the board to provide necessary facilities, equipment and supplies for the medical staff to perform required duties.

Both the federal and state governments have prioritized research into and development of plans directed at responding to the emergency of pandemic influenza. It is recommended that schools recognize this threat and respond with policy and regulation development to address the school district's planned response in the event of a pandemic (see www.pandemicflu.gov).

Recommendation:

A policy on the general subject of health services. A separate policy on health examinations is the more appropriate place to deal with audiometric screening and scoliosis exams. Athletic physicals can be detailed either under examinations or competitive extracurricular activities. Required eye protection policy is better addressed under general safety (3516) or career education (6142.12). Safe drinking water, safe storage of hazardous materials, and procedures for accident and fire prevention should be cross referenced to the specific policies which address them.

Legal References:	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:16-6, -6.1	Indemnity of officers and employees against civil actions ...
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:35-4.6 <u>et seq.</u>	Parents Right to Conscience Act of 1979
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-1	Employment of medical inspectors, optometrists and nurses; salaries; terms; rules
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-3	Lectures to teachers
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-4.3	Scoliosis; periodic examination; notice to parents or guardian
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-5	Method of examination; notice to parent or guardian
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-6	In general
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-7, -8, -10, -11	Exclusion of pupils who are ill ...
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-23 <u>et seq.</u>	Nursing Services for Nonpublic School Pupils
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40A-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Substance Abuse
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 44:6-2	Maintenance by boards of education of clinics for indigent children
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Programs to Support Student Development
	<u>See particularly:</u>	
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-1.1, -1.3, -1.4, -2.1, -2.3, -2.4	
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:26-12.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Operation and Maintenance of School Facilities
	<u>See particularly:</u>	
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:26-12.3	
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Reportable Communicable Diseases
	<u>See particularly:</u>	
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-2	Reporting of AIDS and HIV
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:61-1.1	Attendance at school by pupils or adults Infected by Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

Plainfield Board of Education v. Cooperman, 105 NJ 587 (1987)

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Possible

Cross References:	*1410	Local units
	1420	County and intermediate units
	*3510	Operation and maintenance of plant
	*3516	Safety
	*3542	Food service
	*4112.4	Employee health
	*4131/4131.1	Staff development; inservice education/visitations/conferences
	4151.2	Family illness/quarantine
	*4212.4	Employee health
	4251.2	Family illness/quarantine
	*5111	Admission
	*5125	Pupil records

*5131	Conduct/discipline
*5131.6	Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)
*5141.1	Accidents
*5141.2	Illness
*5141.3	Health examinations and immunizations
*5141.4	Child abuse and neglect
*5141.21	Administering medication
*5142	Pupil safety
*5200	Nonpublic school pupils
*6142.4	Physical education and health
*6142.12	Career education

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.