STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

The Oyster River Cooperative School Board may appoint a school nurse to function in the school health program and to provide school health services. 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). All health professionals shall be licensed by the State of New Hampshire.

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.

The supervising adult shall report all injuries or illnesses occurring during the school day 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 is permitted to go home. The school nurse shall contact the parent or guardian when the circumstance warrants it. Emergency medical care will be provided pursuant to the guidelines of Board Policy EBBC/JLCE/JHC.

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 in Board Policy JLCD and Appendix JLCD-R, JLCD-E, JLCD-E1.

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, including but not limited to immunization records, physical examination records, and athletic physical examination records, screening for vision, hearing and BMI 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. Clarification of these provisions are in Board Policies JLCD, JLCD-E, JLCD-E1 and appendix JLCD-R.

Cross Reference:
  JHC – Dismissal Due to Illness/Injury
  EBBC/JLCE – Emergency Care and First Aid
  JLCD – Administering Medication to Students
  JLCD-E – Parent’s Request/Permission to Administer Medication in School
  JLCD-E1 – Physician Medication Order
  JHCB – Immunization
  JLCA – Physical Examination of Students
  JLCF – Student Wellness
  JLC-R – Nursing Job Description

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