

## **STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES & REQUIREMENTS**

The NASN defines School nursing as:

A specialized practice of professional nursing that advances well-being, academic success, and life-long achievement of students. To that end, school nurses facilitate positive student responses to normal development; promote health and safety; intervene with actual and potential health problems; provide case management service; and actively collaborate with others to build student and family capacity for adaptation, self-management, self advocacy, and learning.

In carrying out his/her role, the School Nurse:

- provides care to students and staff who have been injured or who present with acute illnesses. Care may involve treatment of health problems within the scope of nursing practice, communication with parents for treatment, and referral to other providers. The school nurse monitors students with chronic health conditions in collaboration with the family and the student's physician.
- provides a leadership role for the provision of health services, including developing a plan for responding to emergencies and disasters, and for educating staff to respond appropriately.
- provides screening and referral for health conditions. Screenings will include: height, weight, vision, hearing, and scoliosis. Screening is a means for detecting and addressing problems early, especially as they relate to a student's ability to learn in the school environment. The exact screenings and the timing of the screenings will be based on State of New Hampshire rules and regulations.
- promotes a healthy school environment, promoting health and serving in a leadership role for health policies and programs. The school nurse may be responsible for the oversight of disease and injury prevention initiatives and student wellness programs.
- serves as a liaison between staff, family, community and healthcare providers. The school nurse participates as the health expert on IEP and 504 teams, and on student and family assistance teams.
- is responsible for maintaining the health records of the students in the building. All appropriate FERPA and HIPPA regulations will be followed.

- is an advocate for students, families, and members of the school community. The school nurse provides health services and works to support the student's active participation in health decisions. Each individual's inherent right to be treated with dignity and confidentiality is respected. All students, staff, family and community members are treated equally regardless of race, gender, socio-economic status, culture, age sexual orientation, disability, or religion. School nursing services support and promote individuals' and families' ability to achieve the highest quality of life as understood by each individual and family.
- is expected to meet existing practice standards. These standards may be determined nationally (by professional organizations such as the National Association of School Nurses), at the state level (The Nurse Practice Act of New Hampshire) and locally (Londonderry School District policies and Londonderry School Nurse job description). Despite these standards, each nurse must also continually exercise professional clinical judgment, taking into account all facts relevant to each particular student.-

All injuries or illnesses occurring during the school day are to be reported to the school nurse, or the building principal if the school nurse is not available. The school nurse or the building principal or his 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 the building 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. Students attending school during the extended day, night, summer school, or any other time when the school nurse is not in the building are to report to the administrator on duty or to the supervising adult.

The Londonderry School District will utilize The National Association of School Nurses Manual: Quality Nursing Interventions in the Schools: Procedures, Models and Guidelines as the basis for nursing practice. The Londonderry School District nurses will develop protocols and practices for specific technical nursing activities which will be adopted and followed by all nurses in the district. These protocols and practices, as well as all district Health Policies, and any relevant resource material and forms will be maintained in a binder in the health office in each building.

LONDONDERRY SCHOOL BOARD

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