

HEALTH

The board of education believes that good health is vital to successful learning. In order to help district pupils achieve and maintain good health, the board directs the chief school administrator to develop a program of pupil 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 chief school administrator on all matters affecting the health of pupils;
- B. Employment of at least one nurse to assist with physical examinations; conduct annual 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; lecture to teachers on communicable diseases and other health concerns;
- C. Provision of proper and adequate facilities, equipment and supplies for professional health personnel and other staff;
- D. Establishment of a system of pupil health records in compliance with state law;
- E. Development of appropriate curriculum 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 pupil health, and 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 pupil health;

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- J. Health services to staff which support pupil health;
- K. Provision of emergency services for injury and sudden illness;
- L. Provision for required physical examinations including an examination to certify that a pupil 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 pupils suspected of being under the influence of drugs/alcohol, tobacco or anabolic steroids;
- N. Encouragement of correction of defects through fully informing pupils and parents/guardians concerning the findings of health examinations.

The operation of the pupil 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. The board shall review and adopt the regulations developed to implement the district's health services.

Nonpublic School Pupils

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

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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 through -4.8	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; annual examination; notice to parents or guardians
<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>	Nonpublic school nursing services

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Legal References: (continued)

- N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-1
et seq. Substance abuse
- N.J.S.A. 44:6-2 Maintenance by boards of education of clinics for indigent children
- N.J.A.C. 6:8-4.9 School resources: finance and facilities
- N.J.A.C. 6:29-1.1
et seq. Health, safety and physical education
- See particularly:
N.J.A.C. 6:29-1.3,
-1.5, -1.7,
-2.2, -2.3,
-2.4, -2.5,
-4.1, -4.2
- N.J.A.C. 6:29-8.1
et seq. Nursing services to nonpublic schools
- N.J.A.C. 8:57 Communicable diseases
- See particularly:
N.J.A.C. 8:57-2
N.J.A.C. 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)

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts (June 1993)

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

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Cross References: (continued)

- 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
- 5141.2 Administering medication
- 5142 Pupil safety
- 5200 Nonpublic school pupils
- 6142.4 Physical education and health
- 6142.1 Career education