

5310 HEALTH SERVICES

The Board of Education shall develop and adopt written policies, procedures, mechanisms, or programs governing the following school functions in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.4(a):

1. Care of any pupil who becomes injured or ill while at school or during participation in school sponsored activities (Policy and Regulation 8441);
2. Transportation and supervision of any pupil determined to be in need of immediate medical care (Policy and Regulation 8441);
3. Isolation, exclusion, and readmission of any pupil or employee suspected of having a communicable disease as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:40-7 to 12 and 18A:40-16 to 18 (Policy and Regulation 8451);
4. Provision of health services including immunization, administration of medication, treatment of asthma, medical examinations, nursing services, and emergency medical situations as required in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2 (Policies 5305 and 5307 and Policies and Regulations 5310, 5320, 5330, and 8441);
5. An annual Nursing Services Plan that details the provision of nursing services based upon pupil need in the school district pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1(b)(Policy 5307);
6. Administration of medication to pupils under the written order of a school physician or medical home pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.3(a)3vii (Policy and Regulation 5330);
7. Emergency administration of epinephrine via epipen to a pupil for anaphylaxis pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.5 (Policy and Regulation 5330);
8. Provision of medical and nursing services to meet requirements for health history, medical examination, and health screening as an alternative for pupils who do not have a medical home or have a religious objection to the required examinations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.8 (Policy and Regulation 5306);
9. Provision of nursing services to non-public schools located in the school district as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:40-23 through 31 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.5 (Policy & Regulation 5310);

10. Comprehensive substance abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment referral programs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-8 through 18 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-3 and 4 (Policy & Regulation 5530);
11. Confidentiality related to juvenile justice proceedings pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:4A-60 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.4, HIV identifying information pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:5C-5 et seq., and drug and alcohol use information pursuant to 42 CFR Part 2, N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-7.1 through 7.2, and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-3.2 (Policies 8453 and 9323 and Policy and Regulation 5530); and
12. School safety plans as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.1 (Policies and Regulations 7430, 8420, 8431 and 8468 and Regulations 8420.1 through 8420.6)

The Board of Education shall develop and adopt policies and procedures that fulfill the rules and regulations of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, New Jersey Department of Human Services, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, and local boards of health which include the following requirements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.4(b):

1. Exclusion of any pupil from the school setting for failure to meet requirements for immunization against communicable disease as required in N.J.A.C. 8:57-4, Immunization of Pupils in School (Policy and Regulation 5320);
2. Exclusion of any person from the school setting if the person has uncovered weeping skin lesions as required in N.J.A.C. 8:61-2.1, Attendance at School by Pupils or Adults with HIV Infection (Policy and Regulation 8451 and Policy 8453);
3. Procedures for sanitation and hygiene when handling blood and bodily fluids pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:61-2, Participation and Attendance at School by Individuals with HIV Infection, and conforming to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines that schools implement universal precautions (Policy and Regulation 8451 and Policy 8453);
4. Assurance that any pupil with HIV infection or AIDS or who lives with or is related to someone with HIV or AIDS is not excluded from general education, transportation services, extra-curricular activities, athletic activities, assigned to home instruction, or classified as eligible for special education for reason of HIV infection pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:61-2.1 (Policy and Regulation 8451 and Policy 8453);

5. Creation of wellness policies pursuant to 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 245 and N.J.A.C. 2:36-1.7, Local School Nutrition Policy (Policy 8505); and
6. Ensuring accessibility of the NJ FamilyCare Program for pupils who are knowingly without medical coverage pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-34.

When the school district engages in pupil testing, studies, or surveys the Board procedures and materials shall meet the Federal requirements of 20 U.S.C. § 1232h, and N.J.S.A. 18A:36-34, School Surveys, parent(s) or legal guardian(s) consent required before administration in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.4(c)(Policies 2415.05 and 9560).

The Board of Education shall develop and adopt the following written policies, procedures, and mechanisms in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1(a) for the provision of health, safety, and medical emergency services and ensure staff members are informed as appropriate:

1. The review of immunization records for completeness pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.1 through 4.20 (Policy and Regulation 5320);
2. The administration of medication to pupils in the school setting in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1(a)2 (Policy and Regulation 5330).
3. The review of Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Orders received from the pupil's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or medical home (Policy 5332);
4. The provision of health services in emergency situations including:
 - a. The emergency administration of epinephrine via epipen pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.5 (Policy and Regulation 5330);
 - b. The care of any pupil who becomes injured or ill while at school or during participation in school-sponsored functions (Policy and Regulation 8441);
 - c. The transportation and supervision of any pupil determined to be in need of immediate care (Policy and Regulation 8441);
 - d. The notification to parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of any pupil determined to be in need of immediate medical care (Policy and Regulation 8441); and
 - e. The administration of medication for pupils requiring epinephrine (Policy and Regulation 5330).

5. The treatment of asthma in the school setting in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1(a)5 (Policy 5335).
6. The administration of pupil medical examinations, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-4, N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.8, and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2 (Policy and Regulation 5310);
7. Procedures for sanitation and hygiene when handling blood and bodily fluids pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:61-1.1(f) and in compliance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidelines which advise that schools implement universal precautions titled Universal Precaution for Prevention of Transmission of HIV and Other Bloodborne Infections (1987, updated 1996), incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented, which is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, 1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30333 (Policy and Regulation 7420); and
8. Provision of nursing services to nonpublic schools located in the school district as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:40-23 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.5 (Policy and Regulation 5306).

The Board of Education shall provide the health services as required in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2 as indicated below:

1. Immunization records shall be reviewed and updated annually pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.1 through 4.16.
2. A Building Principal or designee shall not knowingly admit or retain in the school building any pupil whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) has not submitted acceptable evidence of the child's immunization, according to the schedule specified in N.J.A.C. 8:57-4, Immunization of Pupils in School.
3. The school district shall perform tuberculosis tests on pupils using methods required by and when specifically directed to do so by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, based upon the incidence of tuberculosis or reactor rates in specific communities or population groups pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-16.
4. The school district shall immediately report any communicable diseases that are identified as reportable pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:57-1, whether confirmed or presumed, by telephone to the health officer of the jurisdiction in which the school is located.

5. Each school in the district shall have and maintain for the care of pupils at least one nebulizer in the office of the school nurse or a similar accessible location pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.7.
6. Each pupil medical examination shall be conducted at the medical home of the pupil. If a pupil does not have a medical home, the school district shall provide this examination at the school physician's office or other comparably equipped facility.
 - a. For the purpose of the physical examination required prior to participation on a school-sponsored interscholastic athletic team or squad for pupils enrolled in any of the grades six to twelve in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2(h)1, the pupil's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may choose either the school physician or their own private physician.
 - b. A full report of the examination shall be maintained as part of the pupil's health record.
7. The findings of medical examinations as required under 8. below shall be documented on a form that is approved by the Commissioner of Education and shall include the following components:
 - a. Immunizations pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.1 through 4.16;
 - b. Medical history including allergies, past serious illnesses, injuries and operations, medications, and current health problems;
 - c. Health screenings including height, weight, hearing, blood pressure, and vision; and
 - d. Physical examinations.
8. The school district shall ensure that pupils receive medical examinations:
 - a. Prior to participation on a school-sponsored interscholastic athletic team or squad for pupils enrolled in any of the grades six to twelve in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2(h)1;
 - b. Upon enrollment into school in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2(h)2;

- c. When applying for working papers in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2(h)3;
 - d. For the purposes of the comprehensive Child Study Team evaluation pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.4 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2(h)4; and
 - e. When the pupil is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or controlled dangerous substances, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-12 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.3 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2(h)5.
9. The Board of Education shall make accessible information regarding the NJ FamilyCare Program for pupils who are knowingly without medical coverage pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-34.
 10. Information concerning a pupil's HIV/AIDS status shall not be required as part of the medical examination or health history pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:5C-1 et seq.
 11. The school nurse shall ensure that pupils receive health screenings as outlined below in accordance with New Jersey Department of Education Health Service Guidelines:
 - a. Screening for height, weight, and blood pressure shall be conducted annually for each pupil in Kindergarten through grade twelve.
 - b. Screening for visual acuity shall be conducted biennially for pupils in Kindergarten through grade ten.
 - c. Screening for auditory acuity shall be conducted annually for pupils in Kindergarten through grade three and in grade seven and eleven pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-4.
 - d. Screening for scoliosis shall be conducted biennially for pupils between the ages of ten and eighteen pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-4.3.
 - e. Screenings shall be conducted by a school physician, school nurse, physical education instructor, or other school personnel properly trained.
 - f. The school district shall provide for the notification of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of any pupil suspected of deviation from the recommended standard.

12. The school nurse shall screen to ensure hearing aids worn by pupils who are deaf and/or hard of hearing are functioning properly. The school nurse will ensure any FM hearing aid systems in classrooms or any school equipment in the school building used to assist pupils hear are functioning properly.

N.J.S.A. 18A:40-4 et seq.

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.4 et seq.; 6A:16-2.2 et seq.