

SAU #16 provides student health services in order to appraise, protect and promote student health. These services are designed to provide access and/or referral to primary health care services, to foster appropriate use of primary health care services, to prevent and control communicable disease and other health problems, and to provide emergency care for illness or injury. These services are provided by a Registered Nurse (the School Nurse), who is responsible for the following components of the health services program:

1. Identification, assessment, planning, intervention and evaluation of student health concerns, including illnesses and injuries.
2. Maintenance of a school health record, that includes appropriate health history, immunization status, allergies, medication history and use, and other pertinent health information.
3. Screening for health factors impacting student education, including vision, hearing, scoliosis, head lice, height and weight.
4. Coordination and provision of activities and education to promote student health and safety, including activities and education to prevent teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, tobacco use, alcohol and substance abuse.
5. Management of, and education regarding, chronic diseases and conditions, including but not limited to diabetes, asthma, seizure disorders, cardiac conditions, neurological conditions, orthopedic conditions and psychosocial disorders.
6. Development and implementation of individualized nursing care plans and services for students with disabilities and/or health conditions that interfere with student learning.
7. Administration of medications and treatments or procedures.
8. Communication of health-related observations, assessments, and findings to parents/guardians, appropriate school staff, and/or outside health providers.
9. Identification of individual and aggregate health and/or safety risks and recommendations to minimize or eliminate those risks.
10. Participation in the development and implementation of the health education curriculum.
11. Provision of input to District health policies, goals and objectives.

The School Nurse also participates in all of the following components of the school's overall program, but is not primarily responsible for their development or execution:

- a. health education program
- b. physical education program
- c. school meal and nutrition services
- d. health promotion for staff
- e. counseling and psychological services
- f. healthy school environment
- g. parent/community involvement

Law Reference: 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

Appendix Reference:

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