

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 that 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 certified school nurse to assist with physical examinations; conduct biennial 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 nutrition, 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;
- J. Provision of emergency services for injury and sudden illness;
- K. 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;
- L. Development of all regulations and procedures necessary for evaluation of pupils suspected of being under the influence of drugs/alcohol, tobacco or anabolic steroids;
- M. Encouragement of correction of defects through fully informing pupils and parents/guardians concerning the findings of health examinations.

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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 and senior services, and state department of human services. 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.

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 <u>et seq.</u>	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; periodic examination; notice to parents or guardian
	<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>	Nursing Services for Nonpublic School Pupils
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40A-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Substance Abuse
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 44:6-2	Maintenance by boards of education of clinics for indigent children
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Programs to Support Student Development
	<i>See particularly:</i>	
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-1.1, -1.3, -1.4, -2.1, -2.3, -2.4	
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:26-12.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Standards for Operating and Maintaining School Facilities
	<i>See particularly:</i>	
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:26-12.3	
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Reportable Communicable Diseases
	<i>See particularly:</i>	
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-2	
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 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 (August 2000)

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
	4251.2	Family illness/quarantine

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*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
*5141.21	Administering medication
*5142	Pupil safety
*5200	Nonpublic school pupils
*6142.4	Physical education and health
*6142.12	Career education

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

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