

## **STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES**

The School Committee recognizes its responsibilities under Maine law to help protect the health of students and staff. The School Committee shall comply with all applicable laws concerning school health services.

### **School Physician**

The School Committee shall appoint a school physician on an annual basis to advise the school unit on school health issues, policies and procedures, and to perform other health-related functions assigned by law and the School Committee, including:

- A. Investigating the sanitary conditions in the schools and the health of students, as appropriate;
- B. Investigating cases of communicable disease among students or staff;
- C. Advising the closing of classes or school buildings for health-related reasons and advising school staff on disease prevention and control measures; and
- D. Preparing regulations governing the prevention and control of communicable diseases for the School Committee's approval.

### **School Nurse**

The School Committee shall appoint at least one school nurse on an annual basis who shall supervise and coordinate the school unit's health services and activities in consultation with the school physician. The school nurse shall also perform such other health-related activities assigned by the School Committee.

### **Health Screening**

Students shall be screened for sight and hearing defects, scoliosis and related spinal abnormalities as required by law. Parents/guardians shall be notified if a problem is detected as a result of such screenings.

A parent/guardian may request that their child be exempted from screening as allowed by law.

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